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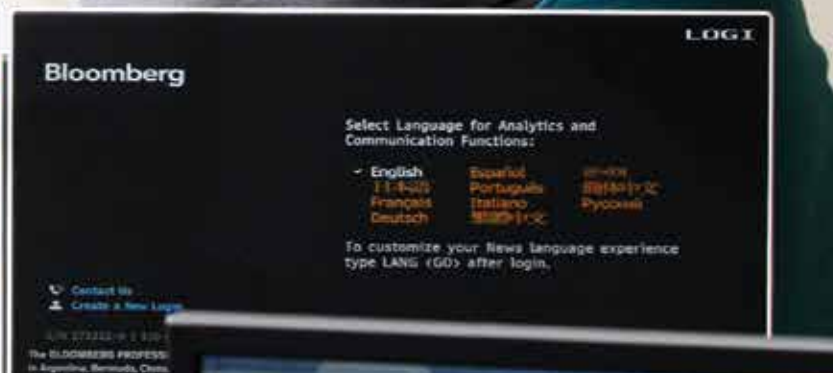
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New College of Business initiatives prepare students for career and life

StudentSpotlight



GO TO ANY EVENT AT BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY, and you'll likely see Kyle Bueno. As the student member of the BSU Board of Trustees, Kyle also has found time to be a resident assistant in Woodward Hall, a member of Phi Kappa Theta and a Statehouse intern, as well as a participant in a host of campus events.

The junior economics major (with minors in political science and Portuguese) hails from Fairhaven and is a first-generation American; his mother is from San Miguel, his father from Sao Paolo. "My parents have definitely played a huge factor in my life, always being persistent and always wanting me to have a college degree," he said. "That's the motivation and drive I have as to why I do the things I do."

Recently we caught up with this busy young man to ask a few questions.

How is one selected to be a student trustee?

In the Student Government Association (SGA), there was an election for the position. I was previously a senator-at-large for SGA for about two years, and, after that, I saw an opening. I'm interested in how institutions work. So I said, 'I'm going to do it. I'm going to run.' I won the seat. I was really happy.

What attracted you to the Board of Trustees?

I'm really interested in how government works. I want to work in government some day. I knew it was something I would be really passionate about, and seeing how BSU works behind the scenes was something that really interested me. Also, one of my goals is empowering students to have a voice, on campus and off campus.

What have you learned?

I have definitely learned about the organizational structure of the institution. And, I learned what it takes to be a student trustee. Originally, I thought it was representing the students at this higher level, but, after these few months, I've also learned that I represent the institution as well. That's why being a student trustee is unique, because other trustees just represent the institution, whereas I represent both sides.

What's it like to serve on the board?

The most important work is done behind the scenes. What I mean is that work is done through our committees, anything from the honorary degree committee to the finance committee. That's where the main work is happening.

What committees are you on?

I'm on the budget, finance and facilities committee, as well as the honorary degree and the academic and student affairs committees.

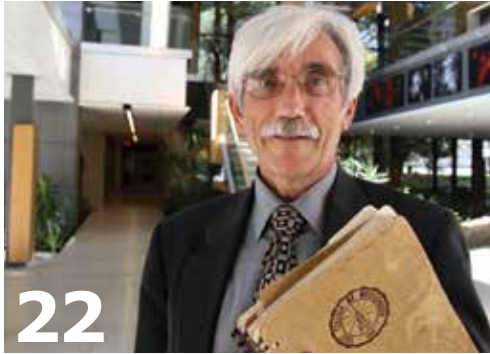
How does it feel to have a voice at BSU?

I feel very honored and privileged. My position is unique in that I can also vote. In other institutions, the student representative doesn't have the power to cast a vote on behalf of the student body. Every time I go to a meeting I feel honored.

How has the experience prepared you for a future in government?

I can see how the trustees' work connects to everything on campus and results in change and growth, not just for BSU but for the community as a whole.

Interview by John Winters, G'11



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Saleena Meas, '18, and Widmaer Fleuransaint, '17, in Bridgewater State University's new Bloomberg Terminal Lab
photo by George Rizer



Dear friends,

We live in a world defined by rapid and continuous change – in society, the workforce, politics and the ways in which we relate to each other.

Preparing students to succeed in such times means being attuned to these shifts and delivering the skills that allow them to navigate a course that balances career with family and a host of other concerns, while never forgetting the importance of ministering to those less fortunate.

When measuring student success in this way, it's clear that BSU has a long history of achievement, and in this issue of *Bridgewater* you'll read about how the institution continues to produce well-rounded, thoughtful graduates who are at home at the front of a classroom, in research labs, in financial trading rooms and on a Broadway stage. Meanwhile, you'll meet current students who have been busy presenting their research findings at a symposium held at Harvard University.

Dr. Edward Calabrese, '68, G'72, is a leading light in the field of toxicology. The longtime professor of environmental health sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst credits his time at Bridgewater State for setting him on the path to success. Read about his career, and find out why he often returns to his alma mater to inspire today's students who would do well to follow in his footsteps.

Likewise, for James Colby, '86, whose path to the big screen and Broadway began at BSU. He had a major role in *Patriots Day*, a film about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings, and this spring, he'll be on Broadway performing in a production called *Sweat*. He's made it this far, he says, because someone at Bridgewater State pointed him in the right direction.

The Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business is home to several new initiatives, including two that are previewed on the pages that follow. Teaching students how to use Bloomberg terminals and allowing them to manage funds with real money guarantee them a leg up when they hit the job market. Learn about these programs and the generous donors who have made it all possible.

This past year also marked the 50th anniversary of the BSU Police Department. The challenges the force faces have grown over the years not only in volume but also in complexity. In this issue we salute their hard work and innovative programs. Another highlight featured here is the university's hosting last summer of the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, which brought 25 wonderful, talented young men and women to campus for six weeks.

Lastly, you'll meet four remarkable students who earned a chance to present their research at this year's National Collegiate Research Conference, held at Harvard University. Last year, BSU sent its first student to this prestigious conference; this year's quartet ties Harvard itself for having the most presenters in one year from a single institution.

These stories demonstrate that BSU's commitment to student success is a longstanding tradition that continues to pay dividends and are good reasons to be proud of our institution. However, being satisfied with past achievements isn't the Bridgewater State University way, which is why we're always moving forward. Thank you for being along for the ride.

Sincerely,



Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq., '83
President



Four new trustees welcomed

Governor Charlie Baker has appointed four new members to the Bridgewater State University Board of Trustees. They represent an extraordinary group of professionals from diverse industries who will contribute significant expertise and differing perspectives to the work of the Board.

"It is my honor to welcome our four new board members to work with us in advancing Bridgewater's mission of providing the highest quality educational experience and opportunities to our students," said Eugene J. Durgin Jr., chairman of the Board.

President Frederick Clark Jr. expressed his gratitude for the appointees. "I want to thank Governor Baker and Secretary of Education Jim Peyser for the thoughtful process they undertook in selecting such distinguished leaders to serve on our Board of Trustees," he said. "The board plays a critical role in helping the university fulfill its mission, and I want to thank our new trustees in advance for their service. I look forward to working with each of them."



Geri Denterlein is the CEO and founder of Denterlein, a Boston-based strategic communications firm highly regarded for its successful public policy campaigns, crisis communications work and communications consulting in health care, real estate, financial services, higher education, public policy and nonprofit management.

Edward M. (Ned) Murphy is the retired executive chairman of the board of directors and the former CEO of Civitas Solutions, the parent of The Mentor Network, which is the country's leading provider of community residential services and day programs. He has also served as commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.



Mark L. Oliari is the president and CEO of CNT, Inc./CNT Depository, Inc., of Bridgewater, the largest supplier of precious metals to the federal government and the largest wholesale vendor of gold in the country. He also owns the Bridgewater Sports Complex and has served the Town of Bridgewater for many years on both the school committee and the board of selectmen. In 2015, Mr. Oliari received BSU's Distinguished Service Award.

Angela Pimental, who graduated from Bridgewater State in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in geography, is the senior manager of environmental operations at Cumberland Farms. She also served as the company's senior projects manager and underground storage tank compliance manager, among other positions. ■



BSU's special education program ranked one of the best in the nation

Bridgewater State University's special education program has been ranked number six in the country by Teacher.org in its annual Best Colleges in Education, Special Education listing.

Teacher.org used graduation rates, program sizes, default rates and affordability as part of its criteria as it analyzed more than 400 colleges and universities across the nation that offer special education degrees. BSU was one of just 20 institutions named to the special education list.

"We are thrilled to learn of this prestigious ranking," said Dr. Lisa Battaglini, '79, dean of the College of Education and Allied Studies, which offers special education degrees at both the bachelor's and master's degree levels. "Bridgewater is one of America's oldest teacher education institutions, and with this strong foundation, we continue as a leader in educator preparation," she said.

Noted Teacher.org in its listing: "Undergraduates (at Bridgewater) are encouraged to be passionate about their chosen vocation of special education teachers, as the field is still in need of dedicated individuals ready to teach special populations in a contemporary classroom environment."

Bridgewater State University, the largest preparer of special education teachers in Massachusetts, public or private, was the only institution from Massachusetts on the Teacher.org list. ■

BSU ranked second in state in freshman class size

A statewide survey of first-year students based on the higher-education institutions they chose to attend, found that BSU had the second-largest number of incoming freshmen in 2014.

The results, printed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, found BSU behind only UMass Amherst, which enrolled 3,377 first-year students in 2014, compared to BSU's 1,476.

The 2014 data is the most recent available for this survey.

The results also revealed that most first-year students pursue higher education in their home state, with a third selecting an institution within 50 miles of home. ■

Events mark official launch of Cape Verdean institute

Bridgewater State University made history in December with a gathering of Cape Verdean leaders at two events marking the start of a \$2 million fund-raising campaign to celebrate the official launch of the Pedro Pires Institute for Cape Verdean Studies.

At a gala celebrating the institute's launch, Dr. Brenda Molife, vice president of university advancement and executive director of the BSU Foundation, announced a three-year campaign to raise \$2 million to support the world's first academic center solely dedicated to the study of Cape Verdean issues. She added that \$500,000 toward that goal has already been raised.

"Tonight's event is certainly a celebration of all that has been done and all we hope to do," Dr. Molife said, while highlighting student accomplishments since the institute opened in 2014. "But it is also a time for us to see what can be achieved as we move forward."

Attending the events in support of these efforts were some of the island nation's most influential leaders, including the institute's namesake.

"The sharing and transference of knowledge is fundamental to development,



Coming together for the launch of the Pedro Pires Institute for Cape Verdean Studies are (from left) Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, president emeritus of BSU; Carlos Veiga, former prime minister of Cape Verde; Pedro Pires, former prime minister and former president of Cape Verde; José Maria Neves, former prime minister of Cape Verde; and Frederick Clark Jr., president of BSU.

and it's important to have an open world," said former Prime Minister Pedro Pires, who pledged to do everything in his power to ensure that BSU's efforts will be successful for years to come. "Education is the greatest weapon to transform a nation, as well as the world," he said.

Mr. Pires, who is also a former president of the Republic of Cape Verde, was joined at the gala by former Prime Ministers Carlos Veiga and José Maria Neves. The trio also participated in a fireside chat the evening before to discuss Cape Verde's history and their visions for its future.■

Bears hockey club remembers teammates



At the BSU ice hockey club's season-opening game in October at Bridgewater Ice Arena, the players honored their teammates Matthew Benting and James Crockett, who passed away in 2016. The game also served as a fundraiser for scholarships created in the names of the two athletes.

"This game represents everyone coming together – the families of our brothers that we lost, the team, all the fans and the BSU community as a whole," said Nick Pike, '17, of Hanson, an assistant co-captain on the team.

In a poignant tribute, the team began the game with three skaters instead of the usual five. The Bears, who prevailed over Bentley University, 9-5, dedicated the season to their lost teammates.

2016 brought much sad news to BSU. In addition to these two young men, five other BSU students passed away over the year. (See page 48.)■

Welcome to Bridgewater State University

DR. KRISTEN PORTER-UTLEY

Dean of the Bartlett College of Science and Mathematics

Dr. Kristen Porter-Utley remembers the moment she knew coming to Bridgewater State University was right for her.

"I watched the president's inaugural address, and when he said he was intent on closing all achievement gaps, I knew I wanted to be a part of that," she said.

Over the summer, Dr. Porter-Utley settled into her new position as dean of the Bartlett College of Science and Mathematics and began looking for opportunities to enhance the educational experiences of students, faculty and community members.

"What I'm excited about is working with the faculty members here to learn about their vision and to help them realize their goals," she said. "The faculty and staff members know this institution and our students well. Part of what I need to do is listen to them and find those spots where there's something I can help get to the next level."

Finding a replacement for the former dean, Dr. Arthur Goldstein, who recently retired, involved an extensive national search. Dr. Porter-Utley comes to BSU from Keene State College in New Hampshire, where she served as assistant dean of sciences and director of the Building Excellence in Science and Technology Program. She also served as chairwoman of the Department of Biology and, in 2014, attained the rank of full professor.

During her time at Keene, Dr. Porter-Utley developed and implemented interventions that have contributed to the success of students in STEM disciplines and gateway courses. She was



also instrumental in establishing a Science Living-Learning Community, part of her commitment toward promoting excellence in teaching, research and scholarship.

She is a triple graduate of the University of Florida at Gainesville, earning a PhD in botany with a focus on plant systematics.

Fueling her excitement about BSU, Dr. Porter-Utley said, are the university's established programs, such as Student Retention Enhancement Across Mathematics and Science (STREAMS) and residential-learning communities, along with the work done by the Center for the Advancement of STEM Education. ■

CATHLEEN DESIMONE

Director of BSU Attleboro

As a 15-year resident and active member of the Attleboro community, as well as a first-generation college graduate, Cathleen DeSimone knows well the value of higher education to city and area residents.

Ms. DeSimone is the inaugural director of BSU Attleboro, which runs programming weeknights and weekends at the Attleboro Corporate Campus on 11 Field Road, upstairs from public higher education partner Bristol Community College (BCC).

Her goals for BSU Attleboro are numerous and complex. "I am seeking to increase general awareness and relevance about BSU Attleboro, increase enrollments, increase the number of transfer students from BCC into BSU, and to serve the region's communities by offering and supporting programs for K-12 students and teachers as well as other populations in the area," she said.

After years of teaching English to speakers of other languages and adult basic education classes at The Literacy Center in Attleboro and the Attleboro Public Schools department, Ms. DeSimone saw the directorship of BSU Attleboro as an opportunity to continue to serve the area by helping meet its higher education needs.

BSU Attleboro is for the first time offering a direct pathway to a Bachelor of Science in Management degree for local residents. The bachelor's degree completion program has been designed for individuals who attend classes on a part-time basis at night. BSU Attleboro will deliver the required management



courses over a three-year period to students who have an associate degree or an equivalent number of accepted credits. Students can complete the management program by taking courses at BSU Attleboro as well as online.

"There is a lot of opportunity here," Ms. DeSimone said. "As much as we want Attleboro to come to BSU, we want BSU to come to Attleboro."

For more information, visit www.bridgew.edu/attleboro. ■



On the red carpet at the CMF International Awards Ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, last June are (from left) Cassandra Gilbert, '16; Dr. Ed Cabellon; Jim Sass, '11; Emily Cohn, '15; Emily Herschlag, '17; Mark Matheson, '16; Jacob Miller, '16; Andrew Houldcroft, '16; Nathan Killian, '17; and Thomas McCoy, '17.

Campus to Cannes

A contingent of BSU students and alumni responsible for two award-winning short films at this year's national Campus MovieFest (CMF) finals have been invited to attend the 2017 Cannes Film Festival in May on the French Riviera. This year marks the festival's 70th anniversary.

The invitation was extended by Ideas United, parent company of CMF. The BSU group will participate in the festival's Short Film Corner, making their films available to an audience of more than 30,000 people from 130 countries.

Three BSU students and three alumni, representing both films, will be part of an elite group of 45 other student filmmakers nationwide selected for this honor by CMF officials.

The filmmakers heading to France are Thomas McCoy, '17; Mark Matheson, '16; Cassandra Gilbert, '16; Emily Herschlag, '17; Nathan Killian, '17; and Andrew Houldcroft, '16. The short films that earned this recognition are *Filmed Under the Censor's Kiss* (<https://tinyurl.com/BSUCannes1>) and *Spectral Analysis* (<https://tinyurl.com/BSUCannes2>). (Note: The former contains adult language.)

Since 2007, BSU has earned national awards and recognition at CMF's national events, but this is the first time the Cannes invitation has been offered.

"This is an extremely high honor for BSU where we can tout international recognition for our talented student filmmakers," said Dr. Ed Cabellon, assistant to the vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. He manages the CMF-BSU relationship and first brought the annual competition to campus nine years ago, collaborating with the Department of Communication Studies, the Student Government Association and Program Committee. BSU will be holding a special event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its participation in CMF in April.

Campus MovieFest is the world's largest student film festival. Participants are given one week to complete a short, five-minute film. They are provided a MacBook Pro, HD camcorder and training. Each participating campus selects its top four films to move to the national competition. Winners are recognized at an annual ceremony in Atlanta. ■



Dr. Colleen Rua performs as Belle, and Jack Cappadona is Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast* last summer at BSU.

FPAC honored twice

The production of *Beauty and the Beast*, presented last summer by BSU's Family Performing Arts Center (FPAC), has been honored by The New England Theatre Conference with its Moss Hart Award.

The award recognizes outstanding theatrical productions throughout New England, specifically those that present affirmative views of human courage and dignity and have strong literary and artistic merit. The award also honors productions that exemplify fresh, imaginative, creative treatment of the work.

Dr. Colleen Rua, FPAC's artistic director and an assistant professor in the Department of Theater, who starred as Belle in the play, said she felt this production of *Beauty and the Beast* had much going for it, but the award still came as a surprise.

"We were all ecstatic, over the moon," she said. "It's such a great honor, especially with our company being so new. It says a lot about the quality of work we're doing."

Also garnering praise is FPAC's inaugural production, *Seussical*, which was nominated for a BroadwayWorld.com regional award for best musical.

With three major productions and two smaller ones staged over its first 13 months, FPAC has entertained nearly 22,500 theatergoers. ■



GAME TIME

Dr. Andrew Holman, professor in the Department of History and director of Canadian Studies, was a featured panelist during an international forum about hockey held in Moscow in December.

Dr. Holman teaches a first-year seminar course on hockey's impact on culture and society, and is an author and editor of three books about the sport.

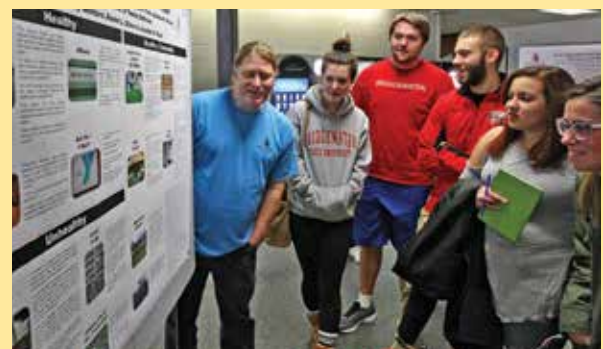
His presentation at the World Hockey Forum was about the intersection of hockey with culture and society, especially as it pertains to North American literature. ■

Universal Children's Day celebrated at BSU

BSU commemorated Universal Children's Day in November with a day-long celebration.

The event featured fun activities for the 200 Brockton third-graders who attended, as well as informative presentations for professional educators and child care specialists. Other activities included readings by well-known children's authors, music, dance and games.

Universal Children's Day is sponsored by the United Nations. ■



Photos, clockwise from left: Author Peter Reynolds and two children take part in the mannequin challenge; Cassandra Chicoine, '17, co-founder of BSU's Urban Renegades dance group, guides students in Indian dance; and Dr. Daniel Chase (left) of the Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies discusses a program he helped mentor for a group of students in Brockton's Mary E. Baker School.



March for peace

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff joined in a march for peace in November, winding through campus from the Boyden Hall quadrangle to University Park, ending at the statue of Martin Richard, the youngest victim of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. Participants sought to reaffirm their commitment to creating a safe, welcoming campus environment that respects and values all people.

Seniors Marco Cobar and Mary Woodbury were the chief organizers of the event.



Among the marchers were top administrators, including President Frederick Clark Jr. "I am very proud of this effort to bring us together at such an important moment in our history," he said. "The actions of our students beautifully reflect the BSU Statement of Values we adopted as a university community 11 months ago." ■

BSU administrators honored at White House tech summit

Leaders of the College of Education and Allied Studies (CEAS) were invited to the White House for a U.S. Department of Education tech summit, commemorating BSU's commitment to technology.

"We are doing teacher preparation at just about the highest level you can do it," said Dr. Lisa Battaglini, '79, dean of CEAS, who traveled to the capital with Associate Dean Jo Hoffman. "There isn't a better place to go in the country than Bridgewater. It's true – our programs are outstanding, our faculty are outstanding, and the things that we try to do with technology are important because they are necessary components of any modern teacher-prep program."

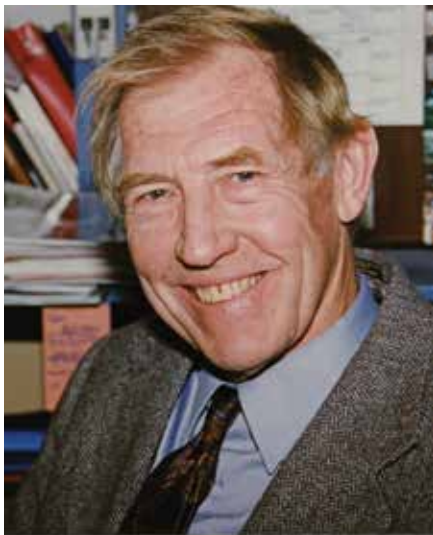
At the two-day Advancing Educational Technology in Teacher Preparation Innovation Summit, officials from the Department of Education lauded CEAS' commitment to further the innovative use of technology to support educating preservice teachers.

"America's preservice teachers must be prepared to use technology effectively in the classroom," said Joseph South, director of the Office of Educational Technology. "We are excited by the commitment of Bridgewater State University's College of Education and Allied Studies to ensure their preservice teachers have opportunities to actively use technology to support learning and teaching through creation, collaboration and problem solving."

CEAS' achievements in technology include being one of fewer than 10 national Apple Distinguished tablet initiative programs at the higher education level, utilizing a virtual classroom program called Mursion, and the implementation of data management systems such as TaskStream.

The Innovation Summit brought together national leaders in research and education to advance goals outlined in the 2016 National Education Technology Plan. A portion of the summit was held in the Eisenhower Building, which is part of the White House complex. ■

In Memoriam



Dr. Thomas A. Knudson, the all-time winningest coach of the men's basketball program at the time of his Bridgewater State Athletics Hall of Fame induction in 1998, spent parts of three decades making the campus a basketball destination. But along the way, he took an international approach to education.

Dr. Knudson, who died in May 2016 at the age of 82, taught physical education in the Department of Movement Arts, Health Promotion and Leisure Studies at Bridgewater State from 1966-1998. He also spent 14 seasons at the helm of the men's basketball program, from 1966-1980, amassing a then record 145 career wins, including a school-record 21 victories in 1974-1975.

After serving in the Army during the Vietnam War, Dr. Knudson studied at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and then headed abroad to teach. But once he arrived at Bridgewater State in 1966, Dr. Knudson found his forever home.

That's not to say Dr. Knudson stayed exclusively on campus – far from it, in fact.

In 1986, he served as a visiting lecturer at Shanxi Teacher's University in the People's Republic of China. Three years later – and again in 1995 – Dr. Knudson was a Fulbright fellow studying Chinese language, culture and history. Dr. Knudson also brought physical education lessons to England, India, South Korea, Russia and Vietnam. ■

Dr. Robert A. Daniel, the first full-time African-American professor in BSU's history, had a saying: "Meaningful experiences demand expression."

Throughout his life and on campus, he created many meaningful experiences for scores of students as a pioneering professor.

Dr. Daniel, who retired as a professor in the Department of Art after 30 years of service, died September 15 at the age of 90.

As a passionate educator of future artists and art teachers, Dr. Daniel was frequently published in professional journals. He incorporated instructional videos into a dynamic curriculum and spearheaded an elementary school art program at the Burnell Hall laboratory.

"I always will remember Bob as a supreme example of a gentleman," Professor Emeritus Dr. Michael Kryzanek told *The Boston Globe*. "He was always kind, always considerate, and he always went out of his way to ask how you were doing, and to see how he could help the students and the faculty."

Dr. Daniel's life and career as an educator, painter and photographer was honored at a memorial ceremony in October, which was attended by family, friends and Bridgewater State University President Frederick Clark Jr.

The legacy Dr. Daniel leaves behind at Bridgewater State University is more than just artistic expression, however. The Dr. Robert A. Daniel African-American Scholarship is presented annually to two students of African-American descent; one to the highest-achieving senior and the other to a sophomore with the highest academic improvement from freshman year.

Before joining Bridgewater State in 1959, Dr. Daniel was a World War II-era veteran who taught art at Florida A&M University and Southern University in Louisiana.

For more than half a century, Dr. Daniel and his wife, Catherine, made their home in Bridgewater. Both were trailblazers in local education. While Dr. Daniel led courses at Bridgewater State, Mrs. Daniel, G'67, G'77, who died in 2015, was the first African-American elected to the town's school committee. She also taught in Bridgewater schools for 20 years. The couple moved to Atlanta in 2010 to be closer to their eldest daughter, Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, president emerita of Spelman College. ■

Dr. Paula M. Vadeboncoeur, professor emerita of English, died July 16 at age 89.

The Haverhill native earned an undergraduate degree at Merrimack College, a master's degree from Boston College and a PhD in literature from the University of Wisconsin.

An obituary for Dr. Vadeboncoeur noted she loved teaching and admired her Bridgewater State students and colleagues from the 1970s and 1980s, often speaking of them after her retirement.

BSU English Professor emerita Delija Valiukenas fondly remembered Dr. Vadeboncoeur as more than just a fellow educator. "I knew her well as a witty, wonderful colleague at BSU with whom I spent many an afternoon over lunch talking literature, film and everything else," Dr. Valiukenas said. "She was a great conversationalist and a very warm person with an engaging sense of humor."

Away from campus, Dr. Vadeboncoeur was known to family and friends to be a film buff and a big fan of Tom Brady, Tiger Woods, the Kentucky Derby and the Boston Red Sox. ■



Dr. Robert Daniel, professor emeritus of art, and his wife, Catherine, G'67, G'77

A person is seen from behind, looking at a large world map. The map is mounted on a wall and shows the continents of Africa, Europe, and Asia. The person's head and shoulders are in the foreground, and their arm is visible. The map is colorful, with green for land and blue for water. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt.

*An initiative by President Obama
brings 25 young African leaders
to BSU for six weeks*

Forging connections

by John Winters, G'11
with material by Eva T. Gaffney, G'01

A large, colorful inflatable model of the Earth, showing continents and oceans, with a person's hand touching the surface.

This summer, Bridgewater State University joined 40 prestigious institutions across the United States in hosting a group of Mandela Washington fellows, who hail from across Africa.

The program was a great success by all measures, said Dr. Karim Ismaili, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, who was the principal investigator for the program. "It was an amazing opportunity for us," he said. "It was an honor to be selected for an initiative that was so important to President Obama and to the nation, but also for our own outreach and understanding of Africa."

Dr. Vernon Domingo of the Department of Geography (right) leads the Mandela fellows on a tour of BSU's EarthView, a two-story tall inflatable model of the planet.



During their stay at BSU, the Mandela fellows made a number of visits, including (above, from left) the Statehouse for the Nelson Mandela International Day observance held in the Hall of Flags, a lobster bake and the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

BSU was chosen as a partner by the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. Twenty-five of Africa's brightest emerging public management leaders arrived on campus in June for a six-week academic and leadership institute.

The Mandela Washington Fellowship, the flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), empowers participants through academic course work, leadership training, mentoring, networking, professional opportunities and support for activities in their communities.

The fellows come from Sub-Saharan Africa and have established records of accomplishment in promoting innovation and positive change in their organizations, institutions, communities and countries.

The university's Public Management Institute, developed under the direction of Dr. Michael Kryzanek, professor emeritus in the Department of Political Science, helped to meet the educational needs of the fellows, who work, or aspire to work, in all levels of government, regional or international organizations, or other publicly minded groups and think tanks.

The six-week program included a trip to Boston for a celebration of the life and work of Nelson Mandela, a Red Sox game, and visits to museums, food pantries, homeless shelters and various departments within local governments. The fellows attended talks by high-profile speakers, including former U.S. Congressman Barney Frank and U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf, who presided over the trial of James "Whitey" Bulger.

The program began with a dinner hosted by BSU President Frederick Clark Jr. "This institution was founded by some of America's greatest leaders and thinkers," he told the fellows. "They said, 'education is the great equalizer, the balance wheel of the social machinery.' We can't have liberty without



Activities enjoyed by the visitors included (above, from left) classroom studies; a trip to the White House to meet President Obama; a group selfie of the fellows with BSU staff and faculty, taken by Harold Tavares, '05, G'07, of the Office of the President at BSU; and an ice cream social. At a dinner marking the end of the six-week program, the fellows and BSU staff and faculty come together again for a celebratory photo (right).

education. Education creates opportunities in this region, in this country and around the world."

Also on hand for the welcome dinner was José Maria Neves, former prime minister of Cape Verde, who said to the fellows, "The greatest challenge for African leaders is the need for visionary leadership capable of transforming Africa."

BSU's Mandela fellows were part of a larger group of 1,000 hosted at institutions across the United States. Among them were Dartmouth College, Cambridge College, Arizona State University, Florida International University, Georgia State University, Howard University, Syracuse University and The Ohio State University.

BSU brought together a team of six leaders, who each addressed a particular topic over the course of the program, including education, democracy, the legal system and technology.

Harold Tavares, '05, G'07, assistant director of international relations and special programs in the Office of the President, was in charge of logistics. Mia Zoino, director of grants and sponsored projects, served as budget director.

BSU was awarded a \$145,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State to fund the program, in conjunction with the International Research and Exchange Board. The successful grant application was the result of collaboration by the Office of the President, the College of Graduate Studies, and the offices of Fiscal Affairs, Assessment, and Grants and Sponsored Projects.

"One of the things that was very apparent is that this was a team effort on the part of a wide range of individuals," said Dr. Kryzanek. "It also clearly enhanced the reputation of BSU as a global institution of higher learning, and as an institution that has the capability to provide this kind of meaningful opportunity."

Members of the BSU community openly embraced the visitors, taking to heart a comment by President Clark at the welcome dinner. "We want you to feel that you are part of the Bridgewater State University family," he told the fellows.

At the conclusion of the institute, the Mandela fellows left BSU and traveled to Washington, D.C., where they met with President Barack Obama. ■





TEACHING STUDENTS ABOUT MONEY – from how credit works or the intricacies of managing a stock portfolio – has become a priority at Bridgewater State University. The Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business and the recently formed Office of Financial Literacy Initiatives are each doing their part to provide a rich learning experience for BSU students.

Seniors Patrick O'Mara and Darnell Jeune had taken their places in front of a Bloomberg terminal, a double-screen powerhouse computer able to retrieve financial data and news in real time from all over the world. The young men were in the university's new Bloomberg Terminal Lab on the second floor of Harrington Hall, where it's commonly remarked upon how these machines are real "game changers."

That sentiment rings true for these two students. "It's the real world," said Patrick, a senior finance major from West Roxbury. "I think it gives me a competitive advantage. Coming out of college with the (Bloomberg) certification, it's one less thing I have to train for when I get a job."

Money matters

New initiatives help students learn the ins and outs of finance

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11



Dr. Jeffrey Stark of the Department of Accounting and Finance helps seniors Patrick O'Mara (center) and Darnell Jeune with BSU's new Bloomberg terminals.

Getting that job will likely be easier with the certification, something usually only accessible to students from institutions like Bentley and Brandeis universities.

BSU was previously home to a single Bloomberg terminal but has increased that number to a dozen, giving students and faculty greater access to the news and financial data published by Bloomberg Professional Service. Eleven of the terminals are in the new lab, the 12th is located in the Maxwell Library.

So, what to do with this rich stream of endless data? To put it to meaningful use, a group of benefactors led by Louis M. Ricciardi, '81, and President Emeritus Dana Mohler-Faria have raised \$200,000. That money will be split equally into two student-run funds, one a traditional Standard & Poor's 500 fund, the other dedicated to investing in social justice-related stocks. Both will be managed by students.

This kind of experience is priceless for BSU students, said Dr. Elmore Alexander, dean of the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business. "My experience led me to emphasize that students and faculty members needed not only to have access to state-of-the-art databases, but also to have the ability to manage portfolios of real equity assets, not simulating the experience of an investment professional, but creating those actual experiences," he said. "Now students at Bridgewater State have access to the same kinds of experiences as do students at the best business schools in the nation."

During an October event hosted by the College of Business to introduce the new lab and two student-managed funds, President Frederick Clark Jr. said that thanks to the new initiatives, BSU now offers "the tools our students really need to compete in the modern workplace."

To illustrate the difference these terminals can make in the kind of research business and finance students typically undertake, Dean Alexander likes to share a little of his own history. In the spring of 1974, as a student at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, he spent a month gathering information from other schools across the state for a project he was working on. Today, with the aid of a Bloomberg terminal like the ones BSU students now have access to, "all this would take is a few clicks and probably no more than a few minutes."

Indeed, that's a game changer.

Likewise, expectations are high for the new student-managed funds. While this sounds like a bold move – turning \$200,000 of investment capital over to undergraduates – it is actually a proven method for giving students hands-on experience; albeit, for students typically enrolled at colleges and universities specializing in business education.

Students who operate the investment funds will do so under the guidance of faculty and be required to take two courses, with the first focusing on market analysis. As part of the second course, students will make their stock purchases and learn how to manage a portfolio.

"This is about real gains and real losses, and it makes a difference when you're talking about other people's money," said Darnell, an accounting and finance major from Haiti who is now living in Norwood. "This is real-world experience, and it's exactly what we'll be doing in the workplace."

Mr. Ricciardi, who led the drive to raise the money the students will be investing, said the two funds and new Bloomberg lab fit a pattern. "Everything here at BSU is about making the student experience better," he said. ■

Solid advice

Local business leaders and alumni pitch in

THERE'S MUCH GOING ON THESE DAYS AT THE LOUIS M. RICCIARDI COLLEGE OF BUSINESS. And while the faculty and administrators deserve credit, working behind the scenes is a group of alumni and local business leaders who came together last year to form the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business Advisory Board. Thomas Caron, '75, vice president of business development for North Easton Savings Bank, initially chaired the board. The current chairman is Michael Hogan, president and CEO of A.D. Makepeace Company.

Dean Elmore Alexander, who created the board, has developed advisory groups at other institutions and believes they serve many functions. "The expectation is that we are now linked into what is going on in the business community," he said. "We can't do that by staying here in Harrington Hall." The board also provides the framework for a "formalized strategy to bring these different viewpoints to campus," the dean added.

Mr. Hogan outlined his vision for the board. "The pace of change in the marketplace accelerates every day. The kinds of new skills college grads need today are broader and deeper than they were just a few years ago," he said. "By working closely with the College of Business, we can help shape the curriculum to the needs of today's employers. Hopefully, we can provide more internship and project opportunities for students and assist them in finding careers that will keep them in the area."

Mr. Hogan added that part of the board's mission aligns nicely with BSU's commitment to social justice. "I think we have all come to understand the importance of being a good corporate citizen, and I see an opportunity to help students learn how community involvement benefits their company and their career, as well as the world around them," he said. ■



Above are members of the advisory board and BSU faculty (clockwise, from left) Stephen Caramello, '85, of Deloitte & Touche LLP; Loren Herren, director of operations-flight training, Aviation Training Center at New Bedford Regional Airport; Dr. Elmore Alexander, dean of the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business; Adrienne Mollor, '94, of MCG Partners; Thomas Caron, '75, of North Easton Savings Bank; Michael Hogan of A.D. Makepeace Company; Christopher Richards, '96, of Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank; David Rumrill, '91, of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Louis M. Ricciardi, '81, of Ricciardi Financial Group; Dr. Martin Grossman of BSU's Department of Management; Robert Frattasio, '97, of RSM; and Dr. Jeanean Davis-Street, associate dean of the Louis M. Ricciardi College of Business. Missing from the photo are board members Charles Billard, '80, of Bank Express; Philip DeSilva, '88, of Courier Advisory Group; James Dunphy, '89, of South Shore Bank; William Looney of PartyLite; Mitch MacDonald of DC Velocity; Linda Markham of Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines; Michelle O'Connor, '88, of MEDITECH; Edward Santos of Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation; and Ann Ulett, '92, of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Time well spent

The Office of Financial Literacy Initiatives teaches young people the hard truths about money

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

When Hailey Duquette was in high school, economics or personal finance courses weren't available, which is why she was glad to be among roughly 80 students on a Thursday night last fall attending a presentation by Dr. Margaret Brooks on the basics of financial literacy. The audience comprised student employees who work for BSU's Conference and Events Services Office.

"This was very informational," said Hailey, a senior history major. Holding up a brochure of resources handed out at the presentation, she added, "These will be a big help."

Teaching young people about personal finance has long been a passion of Dr. Brooks, professor of economics and director of BSU's Center for Economic Education. Her efforts were expanded on campus and beyond in September 2015, thanks to the establishment of the Office of Financial Literacy Initiatives.

The office's mission is to advance the financial knowledge and capability of BSU students, employees and community members through meaningful financial literacy programs. As director, Dr. Brooks collaborates with a number of departments at BSU, such as Financial Aid and Career Services, while seeking to build relationships with external parties, local schools, government leaders, alumni and community volunteers.

Evidently, she's been doing a good job. In May 2016, The Institute for Financial Literacy, a national authority on adult financial education based in Maine, honored Dr. Brooks with its Educator of the Year Award. "Receiving this award is wonderful because it not only provides professional recognition but also helps bring more visibility to the issue of financial literacy," she said.

Money sense doesn't come easily to most young people and is rarely taught to them before they land on a college campus. Even graduate students don't feel they understand all the intricacies of money management, and most of them have spent time in the working world.



Dr. Margaret Brooks, director of BSU's Office of Financial Literacy Initiatives, answers a question from an audience member during a presentation about financial literacy.

"I believe that financial literacy is extremely important, but little is done to inform students on how to budget, save and plan," said Cassandra Laslie, '16, of East Bridgewater, who is pursuing a Master of Public Administration at BSU. "Dr. Brooks' presentation not only opened our eyes to the importance of financial literacy but also provided insight into how much of an impact saving can have if you start sooner rather than later."

Recognizing the importance of financial literacy isn't new at Bridgewater State University. More than 20 years ago, the institution became home to the former Center for Economic Education. Dr. Brooks was instrumental in establishing the center. In 2010, she founded and served as faculty director for BSU's Financial Literacy and Giving program (FLAG), which operated for four years.

The Office of Financial Literacy Initiatives is the culmination of these efforts. Its importance can't be overstated, said Dr. Brooks. "Financial literacy provides both the knowledge and the skills that can help individuals in any professional field to reach their goals," she said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to build on BSU's past financial education successes while expanding our impact to reach even greater numbers of students and community members."

FLAG reached 30 students each semester with its financial literacy programming, Dr. Brooks said. The new office provides information and education to a much larger pool of young

people. Seminars like the one last fall are held on campus and at area schools. For example, Dr. Brooks helps organize competitions around the region where young people can put their financial literacy to the test. The office also sponsors speakers on campus and organizes an annual Financial Literacy Day. Thousands of educators and young people – including BSU students and middle and high school students from across the region – have taken part in one or more of the programs offered by the Center for Economic Education over the years.

The focus on financial literacy comes at the right time.

"It seems to be a real movement. With high levels of student loan debt and the rising cost of college, it's more important than ever," Dr. Brooks said. "Because when students graduate and have crushing debt, it's not only going to affect them but also the economy."

The types of financial literacy programming BSU encourages include lessons on budgeting, saving, borrowing (including student loans and credit cards), credit scoring, managing one's online identity and entrepreneurship. Teaching students what their education is costing them is also an important component, especially these days.

"Years ago, student loan debt wasn't a focus," Dr. Brooks said. "Today's students need information so that they can take control of their financial lives." ■

James Colby, '86, credits
BSU with helping him find
stage and screen success

Bridgewater, Broadway & the big screen

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

A straight line can be drawn from the stage at Bridgewater State University to Broadway and Hollywood. At least that's how actor James Colby sees it. He plays Boston Police Superintendent Bill Evans in the new film *Patriots Day*. In March, he'll be on Broadway in the hit play *Sweat*.

"It all started at Bridgewater," the Arlington native said. "Someone said the right thing to me and pointed me in the right direction, and now I'm an actor."

Mr. Colby started pursuing a bachelor's degree at Salem State College. When things didn't work out there, he turned to Bridgewater State. He had a cousin who had attended the college, and Mr. Colby liked the campus. He majored in history with a minor in political science.

Mr. Colby celebrated with a whiskey at Gallagher's, a well-known pub in his adopted hometown, New York City, and the next day went for a run (Evans is an avid marathoner) and injured himself. Fortunately, he was still able to film the scene in *Patriots Day* when his character crosses the marathon finish line.

"It all started at Bridgewater," James Colby said. "Someone said the right thing to me and pointed me in the right direction, and now I'm an actor."

"I had some great professors at Bridgewater," Mr. Colby recalled. His most formative experience on campus was when he was cast in a production of *The Threepenny Opera*.

"I got my first taste of acting at Bridgewater," he said. "It was my first time on stage. I just took a stab at it. I'd always secretly wanted to try it, and it ended up kick-starting a career."

After graduation, Mr. Colby appeared in regional theater productions before earning his graduate degree at Brooklyn College. Over the years – after plenty of bartending and waiting tables – he's appeared on various stages and screens. He was drawn to theater at first but eventually began landing roles on television and in the movies.

Mr. Colby auditioned for director Peter Berg via Skype for the role of Bill Evans in *Patriots Day*. He read for the part expecting to wait to find out if he got it. "As soon as I was finished, Peter said, 'All right, I'm going to cast you. See you in a month.'"

Arlington is just north of Boston, and its proximity to the site of the bombing and the aftermath that the film is based on made Mr. Colby's latest role particularly meaningful.

"What a fitting experience to be a part of this event and the ways the city came together to track these guys down," he said. "It had such an impact on me just to be a part of it all. It's been an amazing experience."

Mr. Colby was honored with an award from the Bridgewater Alumni Association in September. His wife and daughter came to BSU to accept it, as he was on a film shoot. He hopes to return to campus soon.

However, he's busy well into the new year with the buzz-generating play *Sweat*, which is moving soon to Broadway.

The one-two punch has made Mr. Colby glad he took that first step onto the stage all those years ago at Bridgewater State. "I'm one of the few people who can say they're in the best film and the best play of the year," he said. ■



James Colby, '86, plays the role of Boston Police Superintendent Bill Evans in a scene from the film *Patriots Day*.

Photo courtesy of CBS Films

Dr. Edward Calabrese, '68, G'72, returns
to campus to celebrate a singular discovery

Homecoming

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

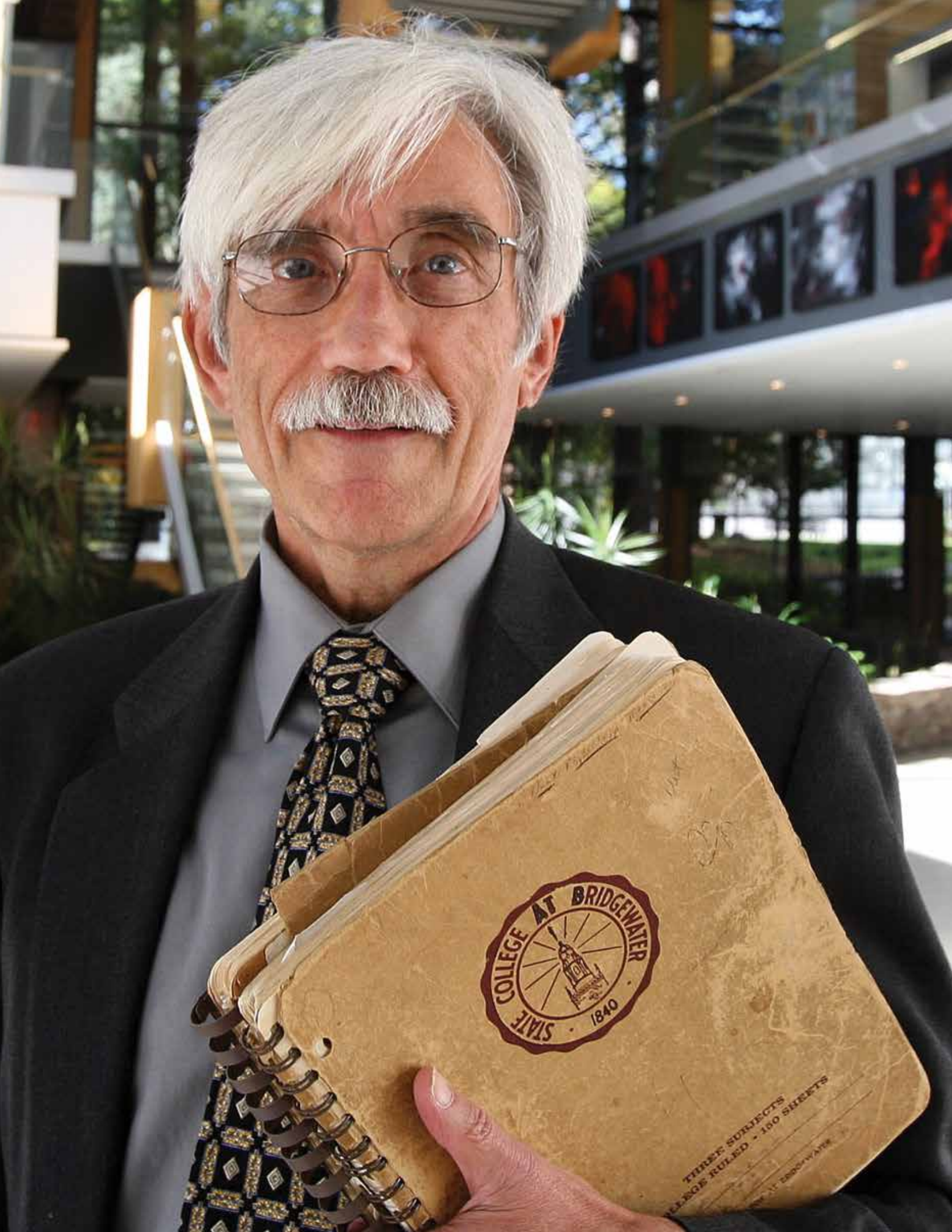
When the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission decided to change its position regarding the cancer risk associated with nuclear power, one of the scientists upon whose work that decision was based was Dr. Edward Calabrese. *The Wall Street Journal* covered the issue and, in part, credited Dr. Calabrese's research with promoting "a more sophisticated view" of the topic.

The research that prompted the changes turns on the idea of something called hormesis, which Dr. Calabrese has studied for more than three decades.

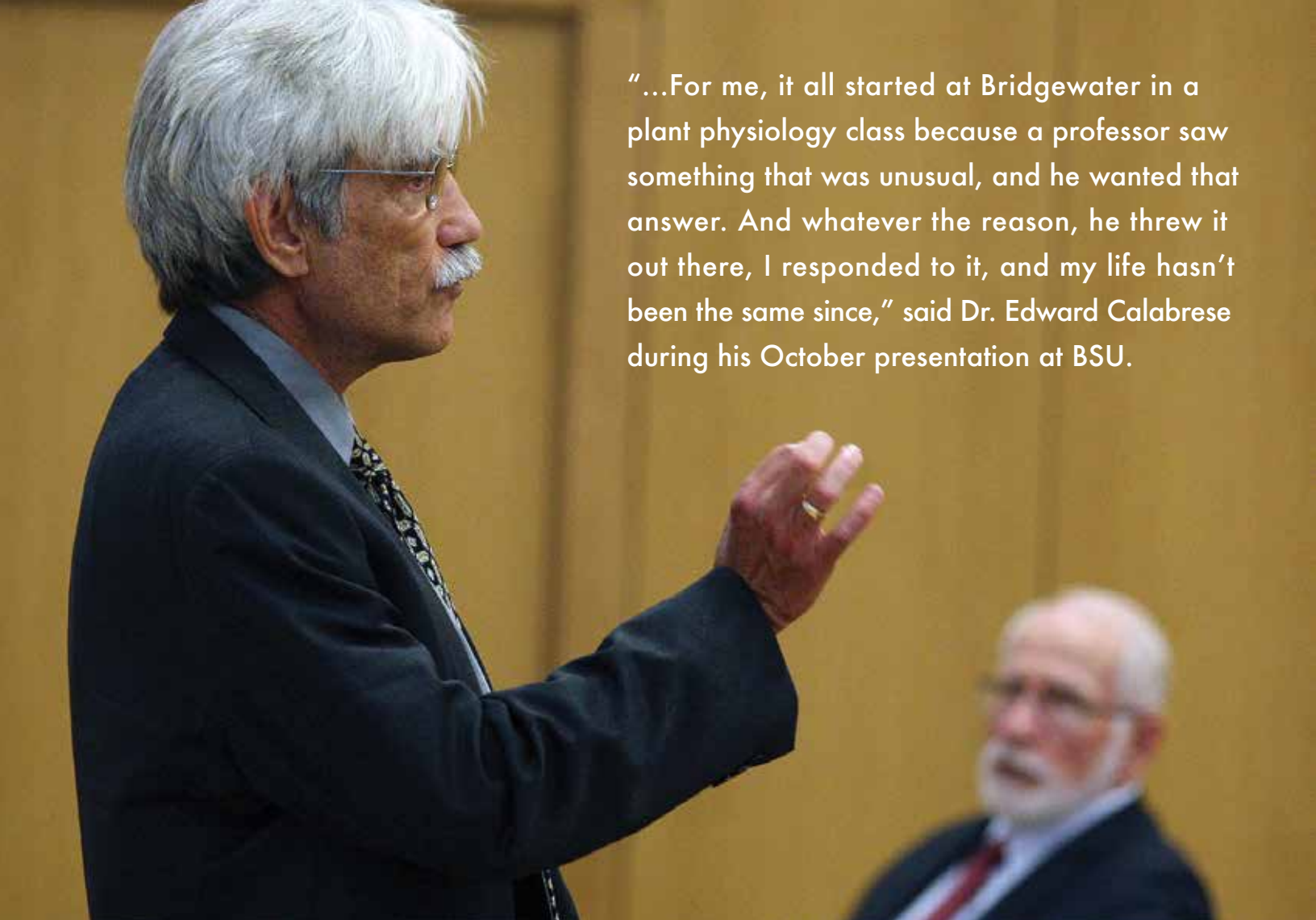
The first inklings of the importance of hormesis came to him during his time as a student at Bridgewater State.

"My life was profoundly changed by my time at Bridgewater," Dr. Calabrese said during a recent visit to campus.

Dr. Edward Calabrese, '68, G'72, holds a notebook from his days as a Bridgewater State student during a recent visit to campus.



THREE SUBJECTS
LEAVE RULED - 180 SHEETS
STATE COLLEGE AT BRIDGEWATER



“...For me, it all started at Bridgewater in a plant physiology class because a professor saw something that was unusual, and he wanted that answer. And whatever the reason, he threw it out there, I responded to it, and my life hasn’t been the same since,” said Dr. Edward Calabrese during his October presentation at BSU.

Dr. Calabrese is an international leader in the field of toxicology and a professor of environmental health sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He has written 10 books and published more than 750 papers on hormesis and related topics, and he’s been invited to Europe to speak about his work on 20 occasions.

While there’s little doubt that Dr. Calabrese is a high-profile scientist today, a half-century ago, he was a student at Bridgewater State who, like so many of his classmates, was seeking the key to his future.

He found it in a lab during his junior year, under the direction of the late Professor Kenneth Howe of the Department of Biology. Their work in the lab seeded the breakthrough that would define Dr. Calabrese’s career.

It was in November 1966 when an experiment assigned by Dr. Howe didn’t end up as expected. In a dose-response experiment, students treated peppermint plants with a synthetic growth inhibitor. However, instead of inhibiting the plants’ growth, it stimulated their growth.

Dr. Howe encouraged the students in the class to return to the lab and run the experiment again. Dr. Calabrese was the only one who took him up on the offer.

Working together, they found that the inhibitor solution was mixed improperly. Dr. Calabrese repeated the experiment using a wide range of mixtures, finding that low doses stimulated growth while high doses inhibited growth.

Years later, this effect would be widely recognized by the name hormesis, but in 1966, it was novel enough for Dr. Howe to convince his number-one student to write an abstract about the findings. The abstract was accepted by the Eastern Colleges Science Conference at Yale University and was an important step in Dr. Calabrese’s burgeoning career.

It wasn’t until nearly two decades later that the idea of hormesis re-entered his life. By then he was a faculty member in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Spotting a brochure about an upcoming conference on something called radiation hormesis, he sent a student to investigate. When he later saw

an article in the journal *Science*, he knew the idea of hormesis had arrived.

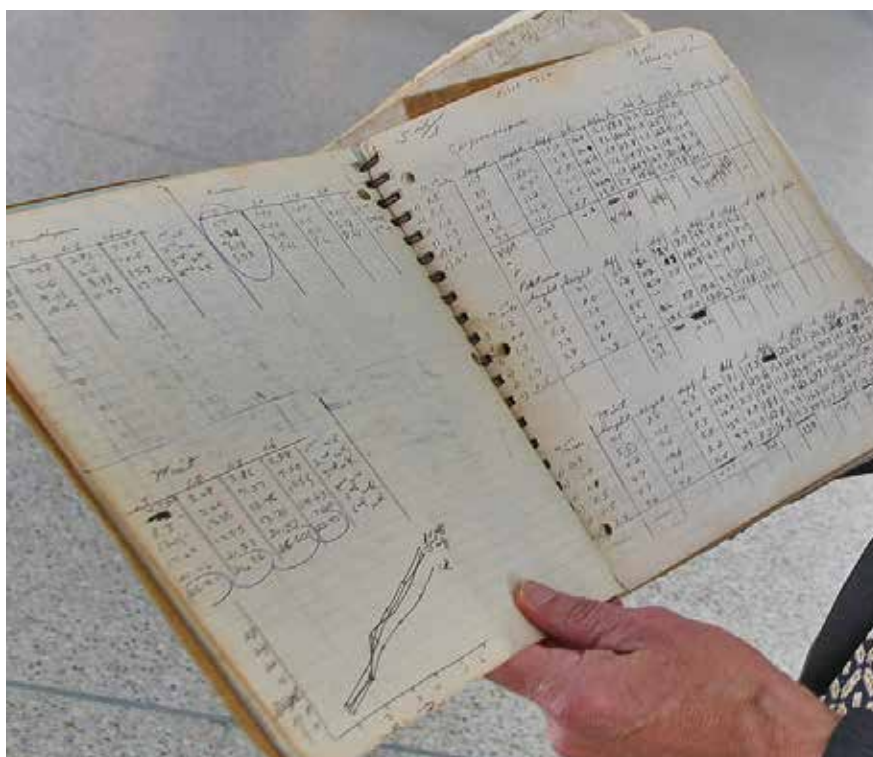
"That was like getting a booster shot," Dr. Calabrese said. "From that came my next 35 years of work."

In May 1990, Dr. Calabrese organized a meeting of leading government officials and researchers to chart a course for the study and clarification of hormesis and its biological and medical implications. This meeting would lead to a large series of grants over the next three decades, initiating Dr. Calabrese's role as the foremost authority on hormesis.

right mentor, said Dr. Merideth Krevosky of BSU's Department of Biological Sciences.

"I have always been grateful that Dr. Calabrese recognizes this mission is still true of his alma mater, and he has been enthusiastic to share that with our students over the years," she said.

Dr. Calabrese returned to BSU during the fall semester not only to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his discovery but also to pay tribute to Dr. Howe, whose widow, Pauline, and children, Spencer and Rhonda, were on hand for his talk.



During his visit to campus in October, Dr. Calabrese shares pages of a notebook from his days as a student that show his early research into hormesis. To the right is his photo from BSU's 1968 yearbook.

The topic is not without controversy, he told the audience at BSU. "The world I live in is turbulent, but it's also very exciting," Dr. Calabrese said. "But I believe that the science is on my side."

Having an esteemed scientist among the university's alumni ranks – particularly one who returns to campus to share his expertise with today's students – underlines for the students the ongoing importance of doing research and finding the

At several points, he gave thanks to the university and his mentor for all the success he's enjoyed.

"It's a very exciting world to be in, and, for me, it all started at Bridgewater in a plant physiology class because a professor saw something that was unusual, and he wanted that answer. And whatever the reason, he threw it out there, I responded to it, and my life hasn't been the same since." ■

Four BSU students present research at annual Harvard conference,
the largest number ever from any institution, other than the host

BY JOHN WINTERS, G'11

Stepping up



Taking part in the National Collegiate Research Conference at Harvard University are (from left) Rebecca Vilks, '17; Dominic Locantore, '17; Amber Nieves, '18; and Taylor Maynard, '17.

Only 200 or so undergraduate students from across the United States presented their research at January's National Collegiate Research Conference (NCRC) at Harvard University, and four of them are from Bridgewater State University. No other institution, other than Harvard itself, has had that many students participate in a single year.

The students are psychology majors Dominic Locantore, '17; Taylor Maynard, '17; Rebecca Vilks, '17; and computer science major Amber Nieves, '18. Amber heads a team of researchers, Nick Abreu, '18; Perry Warner, '18; and Christian Brady, '17.

"It's so exciting; I honestly was so surprised because they pick such a limited number of people. It's such an honor," said Amber. She and her team are working on a system to help scientists and naturalists locate frogs via audio technology. This will help protect wetlands where sizable populations of the amphibians live.

For Taylor, the presentation at Harvard was special in several ways. She plans to apply there for graduate school, but it's also where her mother earned two degrees.

Taylor's area of research looks for ways to combat diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's; her late father suffered from the latter. "That's been a real catalyst for me," she said. "I can hopefully help this elderly population that's growing and growing."

Dominic's project stems from his theorizing that discrimination and stigmatization are inflicted not only on transgender individuals but also their allies. He hopes his research can help educate people about the issue. "It's so hard to get information like this out into the public," he said. "The idea is that I can present at this conference and share this research with others. The conference offers such a valuable opportunity to spread the word."

Rebecca noticed that there were many studies looking at how jurors perceive defendants. This led her to wonder about victims. "I was really interested in courtroom studies and realized a lot of them involved the outward appearances of defendants," she said. "I thought it would be interesting to find out about perceptions of victims."

She investigated how tattoos visible on sexual assault victims impacted how these victims were perceived by mock jurors. The results were not what she expected: She found that the victims with the tattoos were deemed more credible and that their "assailants" faced a higher rate of conviction. To determine why this is the case, she is continuing her research on the topic this spring before she graduates in May.

Last year, one BSU student, Nicholas Bryden, '16, was selected to present at Harvard's National Collegiate Research Conference. The jump to four this year speaks to the continued success of two key university programs. "High-impact practices such as the Honors Program and undergraduate research make participating in these types of prestigious, highly competitive opportunities a possibility for BSU students," said Dr. Jenny Shanahan, director of the Office of Undergraduate Research.

Each of the Harvard presenters expressed excitement about being selected to represent BSU at the conference. "It feels a little surreal," Rebecca said. "It feels like the highest you can achieve. When I was little, I used to dream of going there. And now that I'm going there, I'm psyched." ■

BSU at Harvard

DOMINIC LOCANTORE, '17

PROJECT: Transgender Ally or Just Transgender? Transgender Ally Targets Experience Stigma-by-Association

MENTOR: Dr. Nesa Wasarhaley, assistant professor of psychology

Dominic is an honors student, Academic Achievement Center tutor and psychology peer-assisted leader (PAL).

TAYLOR MAYNARD, '17

PROJECT: Objective Measurement of Sleep by Smartphone Application: Comparison with Actigraphy and Relation to Cognition, Mood, and Self-Reported Sleep

MENTOR: Dr. Sandra Neargarder, professor of psychology and chairperson of the department

Taylor received an Adrian Tinsley Program summer grant for this project. She is an honors student, psychology PAL and undergraduate research ambassador who gives presentations to current and prospective students about research opportunities at BSU.

AMBER NIEVES, '18

(lead researcher of a team of computer science majors, Nick Abreu, '18; Perry Warner, '18; and Christian Brady, '17)

PROJECT: The Analysis of Frog Calls Using a Sound-Filtering Neural Network

MENTORS: Dr. Michael Black, assistant professor of computer science, and Dr. Thilina Surasinghe, assistant professor of biology

REBECCA VILKS, '17

PROJECT: The Effect of Visible Tattoos on the Perceived Characteristics of Sexual Assault Victims

MENTOR: Dr. Nesa Wasarhaley, assistant professor of psychology

Rebecca is also an honors student, Academic Achievement Center tutor and psychology PAL.



DID YOU KNOW?

50

years ago the BSU police department was established

22

full-time sworn officers make up the squad

29

buildings – including 11 residence halls – on a 270-acre campus are served by the BSUPD

A 'model' force

For half a century, the Bridgewater State University Police Department has been serving the campus community and beyond

BY EVA T. GAFFNEY, G'01

An appropriation by the Massachusetts General Court 50 years ago replaced the “watchmen” that for decades had patrolled the commonwealth’s public college campuses with three fully sworn officers at what was then called Bridgewater State College.

The legislation ultimately transformed the Bridgewater State Police Department into a well-staffed, trained and professional police force that today is recognized as one of the finest in the country and as a “model for other universities to emulate,” according to an independent audit.

“We ask much of them on this campus, and they do a lot,” President Frederick Clark Jr. said of the Bridgewater State University Police Department (BSUPD). “As a community, we are proud of them.”

As the BSUPD observes its 50th year of service to the university and the region, societal challenges both within the campus community and at large present increasing expectations and demands for public safety.

For the past 22 years, the department has been led by Chief David Tillinghast, who is also executive director of public safety. The third BSUPD chief since 1966, Chief Tillinghast oversees a force of 22 full-time sworn police officers (officers with authority to carry a firearm and a badge, and make arrests) with a full complement of command staff (deputy chief, captain, two lieutenants, patrol and detective sergeants), four dispatchers and a crew of parking enforcement officers.

In addition to on-campus work, the BSUPD has collaborative mutual aid arrangements with the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Middleboro, Whitman and the Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department.



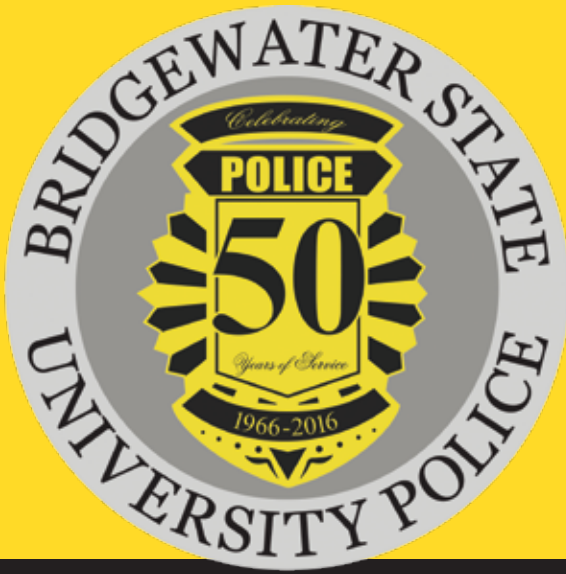
"You can see the impact of what you're doing right away. You can see the impact on peoples' lives," said Chief David Tillinghast (above) of working with a university population.

The size of the department's professional ranks has nearly tripled since 1994 as the overall size of the campus community swelled to become the 10th largest of the 114 public or private institutions of higher education in Massachusetts. At the same time, the size and scope of the potential crime faced by school campuses across the nation has also grown, with tragic consequences.

"From the inception of the department in 1966, we have been armed and fully sworn," Chief Tillinghast said. "We participate in the same, exact training as other police departments." The BSUPD is well equipped – each cruiser carries patrol rifles for quick response in an active-shooter situation, and the

department has a computer-aided 911 dispatch system, an electronic-capture fingerprinting system, semi-automatic defibrillators and other sophisticated emergency equipment.

"Everything changed after Columbine and Virginia Tech," Chief Tillinghast said. "School shootings have changed the model" for policing college and university campuses across the nation. Rather than awaiting the arrival of a SWAT team, campus-based first responders are charged with dealing with an active shooter immediately upon arrival, which usually means within a minute after receiving the first call. "We have to be prepared for a catastrophic outcome," the chief said.



DID YOU KNOW?

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mutual aid agreements have been established with forces in the region to provide assistance across jurisdictional boundaries

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blue light emergency telephones throughout the campus pinpoint a caller's location and are linked to the campus police

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Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are available across BSU, as well as in each cruiser

Captain Michael Froio (above) conducts a number of active-shooter training and Rape Aggression Defense System classes across campus in residence halls, classrooms and administrative offices.

photo courtesy of The Enterprise

A vital part of the campus community

While officers in the department perform a full range of law enforcement duties at BSU as police officers would anywhere else, policing on a university campus is, in some ways, very different because the population is largely college-aged individuals who are on their own for the very first time. "You have to like this environment," Chief Tillinghast said. "You have to like working with college students."

And it's the love of the campus environment that keeps officers committed to serving on the BSUPD, despite a significant disparity in salary and compensation when compared to municipal, county or other police departments.

"The people who stay really like campus law enforcement," the chief said. "You can see the impact of what you're doing right away. You can see the impact on peoples' lives."

Members of the BSUPD, very much like their counterparts in community policing across the nation, have experienced changes to their jobs with the growth of societal problems such as domestic abuse, prescription drug abuse and psychological concerns, to name a few.

"Students come to us from high school with these issues," Chief Tillinghast said. "It affects every institution and requires police departments to patrol their campuses much more vigorously as a result."

Numbers show that the most challenging months for the department are October and April, with resident students and their guests – invited or uninvited – generating the most calls.

Although commuter students present traffic and parking problems, the largest policing challenge to the campus community is dealing with individuals who are “external to the institution” because “they don’t have buy-in. They don’t know – or in some cases, really care – about our community standards,” the chief said. External visitors remain the “primary concern in terms of major issues” faced by the BSUPD.

When asked about a successful effort on campus, the chief is quick to point to the implementation of a more stringent alcohol policy in the late 1990s.

“If you can’t control alcohol on campus, you can’t control anything else,” he said. “Almost every problem that we experience – from disorderly conduct to vandalism to sexual assault to relationship violence – is usually alcohol related in some way.”

Implementation of the tough, no-excuses policy means arresting students on the charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol, while many institutions give only a warning. It also means parental notification and inspecting bags upon entry into a residence hall.

“The alcohol policy changed everything,” the chief said. “It changed community standards. We set the tone by enforcing it consistently, year-round. You can’t only enforce the policy one day a year, as some institutions have found when they experience large-scale, alcohol-fueled disturbances.”

One of the best

TSG Consulting, in a 360-degree external audit of the Bridgewater State University Police Department conducted two years ago, called the department “a model for other universities.”

Officers in training



As a child in the Dominican Republic, Jose Buten, '17, set his sights on becoming a police officer, however it wasn't until he came to the United States in 2010 that he began to think his dream could become reality. "I might have gone into law enforcement there, but not as a police officer. They just aren't treated well," Jose said. "But, in the United States, being a police officer is valued, and people respect you."

A criminal justice major minoring in psychology, Jose is well on his way toward reaching his goal, thanks, in part, to the BSUPD's Student Police Cadet program.

The program is a noncredit, paid internship open to junior and senior criminal justice majors. Following a detailed application process, one student is selected and serves as a cadet for an average of two years. Jose was chosen from a pool of nearly 20 applicants.

Cadets dress in full uniform and work alongside BSUPD officers in all facets of their duties. Jose said his experience so far has included everything from accompanying officers on emergency calls to writing parking tickets to working in the dispatch area. As required of all cadets, Jose is certified in CPR, AED and first aid, and he is training to become an EMT. "It's been an amazing opportunity to get the experience and skills I need to become an officer," Jose said, then added, "And I'm getting paid to learn."

The BSUPD encourages the cadets to apply to join the force after graduation when a position becomes available. Jose doesn't need much coaxing. "Working here doesn't seem like just an internship; I feel like I'm becoming a member of the department," he said. "I'd like to stay on once I graduate." ■

—Karen Callan



"We're very proud of our police department," said President Clark. "Objectively, it has been proven one of the best police departments in America. TSG has reviewed some of the largest departments in the United States, and ours is one of the finest they have ever observed. I knew that myself."

President Clark is quick to laud the leadership and talent of the department's chief. "The department really reflects the chief – a trained professional who's well respected among his officers and colleagues. Who he is – his experience and judgment – he's a star in law enforcement," the president said.

While college and university presidents often separate their office from the institutional policing effort, President Clark embraces the unit and elevated Chief Tillinghast to chief and executive director of public safety, a position that reports directly to the president. In addition, the chief leads the BSU Crisis Committee and Safety Team.



BSUPD officers Diane Nicol (left) and Plymouth County Deputy Sheriff Amy Buccafusca patrol campus as part of the department's mounted police unit.

Detective Sergeant Robert McEvoy (center), a certified drug recognition expert, trains and assists police departments across the state with highly specialized drugged driving investigations and provides alcohol outreach in BSU's residence halls.

Deputy Chief of Police Glen Anderson (right), a full EMT, provides CPR, EMT and public defibrillator training. He was named the country's 2015 EMT of the Year.



"As president, everything lands on your desk," President Clark said. "I'd rather be closer to the police. It helps bring a more rapid response to emerging crisis situations."

"If your campus is not physically safe," the president continued, "students can't learn and employees can't work. You're not going to send your son or daughter to a place that's unsafe."

Active on and off campus

The hallmark of the Bridgewater State University Police Department is engagement, as evidenced in its multiple layers of activity on campus and throughout the region.

Unlike many other university police departments, the BSUPD has few concerns about jurisdictional boundaries when tackling difficult public safety issues, thanks to mutual aid agreements with six other forces in the region.

The department also has a seat on the regional W.E.B. Major Crimes and Drugs Task Force as well as the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, with an officer on its SWAT team and another assigned as a hostage negotiator.

with highly specialized drugged driving investigations and provides alcohol outreach in the university's 11 residence halls.

Named 2015 EMT of the Year in the United States, Deputy Chief of Police Glen Anderson, a full EMT, offers CPR, EMT and public defibrillator training.

Mutual aid relationships have resulted in the department receiving specialized vehicles (an ambulance and prisoner transport van), funding, and assets that benefit the department and the campus community.

Other examples of cross-agency cooperation include the department's mounted police unit, which was developed in collaboration with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, and a digital fingerprint machine that's connected to the FBI.



On campus and off, on any given day, members of the department can be found plying their specialized training for educational purposes.

Captain Michael Froio instructs a Rape Aggression Defense System class and conducts active-shooter training in residence halls, classrooms and administrative offices across the campus.

Detective Sergeant Robert McEvoy, a certified drug recognition expert, trains and assists police departments across the state

"By keeping the channels of communication open with other jurisdictions, we maintain excellent relationships," said Chief Tillinghast. "For example, the BSUPD's relationship with the Town of Bridgewater Police Department is unique, and the Boots on the Ground Committee, a collaborative effort between the university and the town to resolve emerging town-gown issues, serves as an example of a rare level of cooperation and communication between a university and a town." ■

Upcoming ALUMNI EVENTS

For more information about the following events, visit www.alumni.bridgew.edu or call 1.888.272.9555.

FOOTBALL ALUMNI REUNION DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6 PM
Fireside Grille, Middleboro

BRIDGEWATER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 6 PM
Dunn Conference Suite

MY FAIR LADY

SUNDAY, JULY 30, noon
Wamsutta Club Luncheon
and Zeiterion Theatre, New Bedford

ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 6 PM
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6 PM
Rondileau Campus Center

HOMECOMING AND FAMILY DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

For a complete schedule, visit www.alumni.bridgew.edu/homecoming

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Bridgewater Alumni Association Awards are presented annually to deserving alumni, faculty, staff and friends of BSU who have made an impact in their communities through their work or service to others. Nominations are accepted throughout the year, and the deadline is typically in early January. Nominations may be submitted by mail to the Davis Alumni Center or online at www.alumni.bridgew.edu.

BAA BOARD NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee of the Bridgewater Alumni Association is seeking interested candidates for board and committee vacancies. To learn more, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 508.531.1287 or alumni@bridgew.edu.

STAY CONNECTED

Send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations via email to alumni@bridgew.edu or mail to Davis Alumni Center, 26 Summer St., Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA 02325.

The class notes editor reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity and brevity. Submitted photos must be either high-resolution digital images or original prints from film. Photos generated on home printers are not of publication quality.

AlumniUpdate



Crimson Ambassadors lend a hand

Many thanks to the Crimson Ambassadors from the Class of 2016 who helped welcome alumni at various campus events and served as the voice of Bridgewater State University by reaching out to alumni during the annual phonathon.

From left are Crimson Ambassadors Delshawna Dixon, Brittany Baillie, Rebecca Dunlop and Meaghan Graham.



Reception held for alumni working at Fidelity Investments

Some of the more than 100 Bridgewater State University alumni employed by Fidelity Investments in Boston gathered for a reception in June with President Frederick Clark Jr. A special thank you is extended to alumni host committee members John DeStefano, '90, executive vice president and chief procurement officer; Alison Cook Fitzpatrick, '93, vice president, human resources; Tom Magee, '91, vice president and senior account executive; and Erin DeRoche Perault, '92, senior vice president, enterprise compensation.

Enjoying the reception are (from left) Katie Camara, '98; John DeStefano, '90; Renee Jackson, '96; and Carol Crosby of BSU's Career Services office.



President Frederick Clark Jr. poses with a group of Brockton High School seniors who were accepted to Bridgewater State University for the fall 2016 semester.



Taking part in the reception are (from left) June Saba Maguire, '94, G'04; Kathleen Smith, G'88, superintendent of Brockton schools; and Gloria Stanton, '74, G'00.



Kathleen Smith, G'88, (left) joins Robert Jones, G'60, of Brockton High School, and Mary Waldron, director of BSU's Institute for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement.



Enjoying the celebration are (from left) Sharon Wolder, G'05, principal of Brockton High School; Birute Silvia, '61; G'64; and Michael Homer, '68.

BSU-bound Brockton High School seniors feted at reception

A reception was held last spring to honor several Brockton High School seniors accepted to BSU. Alumni from Brockton, many of whom are teachers at BHS, also attended to join in celebrating the new members of BSU's Class of 2020.



Class of 1962 reunion

In what has become an annual tradition, members of the Class of 1962 gathered for a summer reunion at the home of their fellow classmate and former Bridgewater Alumni Association President, Professor Emeritus Jack Jones, '62.

President Frederick Clark Jr. (front row, center) joined the festivities.

ALUMNI SERVICES

For more information about the services below, visit <http://alumni.bridgew.edu>

INSURANCE PROGRAM

The Bridgewater Alumni Association offers discounted car, home and recreational vehicle insurance.

Learn more about this program by visiting the alumni services link listed at the top of this column.

STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE

Through American Student Assistance® (ASA), a nonprofit organization that financially empowers college students and alumni, BSU alumni have access to expert student loan counselors.

ASA can be reached at 877.523.9473 (toll-free) or loanhelp@saltmoney.org.

For more information, visit www.saltmoney.org/bridgew.

WEBSITE

Visit the Alumni Association website, <http://alumni.bridgew.edu>, to learn more about events, services, and the activities of alumni chapters and committees.

FACEBOOK

The Alumni Association is on Facebook under "Bridgewater State University Alumni Assoc BSU."

LINKEDIN

The "Official Bridgewater State University Alumni" group on LinkedIn is more than 4,000 strong. Request to join the group today.

TWITTER

Follow us on Twitter @BSU_Alumni.

INSTAGRAM

Follow us on Instagram @BSU_Alumni.



Communication studies alumni advise current students

Each fall, the Department of Communication Studies welcomes back some of its graduates to speak with current students about transitioning from the classroom to the professional workplace.

This year's participants are (from left) Olivia Lemmon, '14, news reporter/anchor at Charter TV3; Jessica McNeill, '14, development staff assistant at Harvard Business School; Corey McMullen, '14, program coordinator at Newhouse Center for the Humanities at Wellesley College; Melanie Sardinha, '13, human resources assistant at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Travis Condon, '11, radio host, afternoon drive/local morning news, at 92.9 Kickin' Country WVHL.



Alumni enjoy luncheon and theater

Alumni and friends gathered in New Bedford in July for a lunch buffet at the Wamsutta Club before attending a performance of *Grease* at the Zeiterion Theatre. Nicolas Paradiso, '16, appeared as Doody in the musical.

Pictured at the Wamsutta Club are (seated, from left) Michelle Colombo-Gain; Maureen Conroy, '66; Ed Meaney, '63; and Carolyn Meany, '63. Standing (from left) are Eileen Herbert, '63, G'67; Tom Moran; Gloria Moran, G'69; and Evelyn DeLutis, '63.



Cam Moitoza, '14, (right) and his teammates take part in the 16th annual Joe Verria Kickoff Classic golf tournament in July.



Alumni gather in September at BSU's first-ever tailgate event at Gillette Stadium at a New England Revolution game.



2016 football alumni reunion

Former captains and MVPs from BSU's football program were recognized at the 36th annual football alumni reunion dinner. More than 50 of the honorees are pictured above. Joining the celebration in May were nearly 130 alumni of the Bears' football team, the largest number yet to attend the annual reunion.



Rhode Island alumni connect in Providence

Rhode Island alumni met in June at Zooma Trattoria in Providence to network and reconnect. Enjoying the evening are (seated, from left) Ed Pearl, '65; Michael Viera, '75, G'82; and Michael Henry, '92. Standing, from left, are Mary Benard; Christopher Harwood, '84; Nancy Carreiro, '72; Claudia Carden, '84; Linda Beith, '73; James Beith, '75; David Marciello, G'16; and Michelle Spinelli, '13.

CAREER SERVICES

Help lead Bridgewater State University students to success!

CAREERLINK@BSU

Post jobs and internships available at your business on Career Services' easy-to-use site, www.myinterfase.com/bridgew/employer/, which allows access to BSU students and alumni.

BSU STUDENT AND ALUMNI NETWORKING GROUP

Join the BSU Student and Alumni Networking Group on LinkedIn.com and connect with BSU students and other alumni. Help members explore career options, learn about internships and jobs, and build networks on this popular professional social media site.

EMPLOYER-IN-RESIDENCE

Spend five to 10 hours a month improving your company's visibility on campus while offering students résumé and cover letter critiques, as well as workshops.

JOB & INTERNSHIP FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 11 AM-2 PM
Tinsley Center

The spring Job & Internship Fair is BSU's largest career fair of the year, featuring more than 100 organizations recruiting for full-time, professional-level opportunities, as well as available or anticipated internships. Meet local, regional and national employers who value the quality of a BSU education.

EDUCATION CAREER FAIR

MONDAY, MAY 8, 4-6 PM
Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom

The Education Career Fair is BSU's premier event for education majors and teacher candidates, featuring more than 45 public school districts, charter schools, private/independent schools and educational nonprofits. Meet hiring personnel seeking teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

ON-CAMPUS ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Many opportunities are available for alumni to engage with BSU students on campus. Career Services collects names of alumni interested in taking part in career panels, as well as the annual Etiquette Dinner and the Networking Mocktail Reception.

For information about these programs, call Career Services at 508.531.1328 or email the office at careersrv@bridgew.edu.



Pictured at the annual awards ceremony are (from left) Sharon Dupre, '70; Kathleen Flaherty, '91; Kathleen Smith, G'88; Alyssa Bresnahan, who accepted the award on behalf of her husband James Colby, '86; Maribeth Johnson Flakes, '01; and Darrell Lund, '60.

Martha D. Jones, '64, Award for Outstanding Dedication to Students
MARIBETH JOHNSON FLAKES, '01, Associate Director, Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, Bridgewater State University

Fifteen years ago, while a BSU undergraduate, Maribeth Johnson Flakes learned what has become the mainspring in her career as a student affairs professional. It happened when her early childhood education professor brought his students to visit a kindergarten class where children accessed a "cool" reading loft by climbing a little ladder. The lesson: How "cool" would the reading loft be to a child in a wheelchair?

"From that moment on, I knew I had to think of the world differently," said Ms. Flakes. "I had to think of the world as different people might think of it. It became my driving force. If students can't advocate for themselves, I can, and I have always felt honored to do that on their behalf."

Ms. Flakes was an involved undergraduate, earned her master's degree from New York University and served as a student affairs professional for six years before returning to BSU in 2008. Of her return, she said, "Bridgewater students are unparalleled; they not only contribute to the life of the campus but also make me a better person."

Dr. Marilyn White Barry, '58, Graduate Alumni Award
KATHLEEN SMITH, G'88, Brockton Superintendent of Schools

"Connecting with children and families has always been the most important thing for me throughout my career," said Kathleen Smith. "And, honestly, it all goes back to what I learned when pursuing my master's degree in counseling at Bridgewater. That excellent education put me on my path to make sure all children have every opportunity to be successful."

Ms. Smith began her career as an elementary school special education teacher and several decades later became the first female

superintendent of schools in the City of Brockton. Her greatest challenge leading a school district servicing 18,000 students and families, 80 percent of whom are minority students, "is to make sure that our students understand that education is a worthy profession," she said. "Children need teachers who look like them, so we must create opportunities to make sure students can get their degrees. If we can make a dent here, we'll see the positive results for years to come."

Dr. Adrian Tinsley Award for Achievement in the Arts
JAMES COLBY, '86, Actor

As an undergraduate, James Colby majored in history but toyed with becoming a police officer or, barring that, pursuing law. But his "ah-ha" moment came when, on a casual stroll on campus, he found himself standing center stage in a dark, empty auditorium. "Suddenly," he said, "I knew it was where I belonged." Mr. Colby's journey from then to now took him from starring in BSU's production of *The Threepenny Opera*, to community and regional theater, New York, off-Broadway and television, where he has acted in many popular "cop" shows, sometimes playing the good guy, sometimes the bad guy.

Mr. Colby just wrapped up his latest role, playing William Evans in *Patriots Day*, a film about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. Mr. Evans is now the Boston Police Commissioner, but at the time he was superintendent and instrumental in securing the area after the bombings. Mr. Evans also assisted in the manhunt and capture of the surviving brother who helped commit the bombings. Mr. Colby said he felt honored to portray William Evans in the film.

He added that he looks forward to one day returning to BSU to offer a lecture or workshop for aspiring thespians. ■

(Read more about Mr. Colby on pages 20-21.)



WELCOME HOME

Homecoming and Family Day

October 15 marked Homecoming and Family Day, bringing to campus hundreds of alumni, students, family members and friends of the university. A full day, it began with the president's brunch and concluded with fireworks over Swenson Field.

University Park was a hub of activity, thanks to an obstacle course, several vendors and fun activities for Bears of all ages. A talent show and a performance by a local dance troupe were among the featured acts on stage in the park.

Other events included an art exhibit in the Wallace L. Anderson Gallery, a swim meet and a welcome-home lunch. The Rathskeller was resurrected for the second consecutive year and was an even bigger hit this time. Tailgaters enjoyed the festivities outside Swenson Field prior to the football game, which the Bears won, defeating Plymouth State University in double overtime, 29-23. ■



Alumni Student Government Association leaders are hosted by President Frederick Clark Jr., '83, and Carrie Kulick Clark, '85, G'98 (center).



The Class of 1966 comes together on the steps of Boyden Hall.







Enjoying a Caribbean cruise are Class of 1963 alumnae (from left) Linda Dow McMahon, Ginny Flanagan Curley, Carolyn Pinkham Young, Evelyn Ekberg DeLutis and Nancy Carvalho Briand.



Roger Limoges, '97, (right) married Jeffrey McDermott on June 12, 2016.



Joanna Shields, '04, married Matthew Poore on September 19, 2015.

ClassNotes

1954

Nancy Lob is teaching and participating in Barbara Mettler-based dance improvisation, which she first learned about while attending BSU.

1962

Elaine Liming earned a certificate in advanced media literacy from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and is working as a consultant.

1968

Maureen Condon is vice president of marketing and development at Latham Centers in Brewster, which treats children and adults with intellectual disabilities, complex special needs and behavioral challenges.

Mary Lou Thimas was named the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Girls Lacrosse Official of the Year and was inducted into the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame. She served as head coach for women's lacrosse, field hockey and basketball at BSU from 1978-1985.

1972

Cynthia LaFrance has settled with her family in Redding, California, after serving nine years as pastor of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Mechanic Falls, Maine.

1973

Lance Kisby, DMD, is a dentist in Nashville, Tennessee. He has written several articles that have been published in professional journals, including the *Pediatric Dental Journal*, and has served on the faculty at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston and Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1976

Robert F. Harlow wrote a book of poems, *Places Near and Far*, which will be published by Louisiana Literature Press of Southeastern Louisiana University.

1981

Thomas A. Hermanowski, G'81, was named the 2016 recipient of the Zunic Award presented by the Syracuse University Football Club. Mr. Hermanowski was a defensive back for the Syracuse Orange from 1967-1969. He is the executive director of ADAPT, which provides comprehensive alcohol and substance abuse education, prevention and intervention programs for school-age children in southern New England.

1985

Steven Sullivan is regional mortgage sales and production manager for Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank.

1989

Sheila Maloney-Drew earned the Extraordinary Service Award from Beacon Communities for her work at Mansfield Meadows apartment complex after just one year with the company.

Lisa Riendeau is principal of the Elizabeth Pole School in Taunton.

1991

David Linnevers was awarded the Joseph P. Allen Human Relations Award from the Western Association of College Admissions Counseling for his efforts to increase student diversity during the recruitment and admission processes. He is the director of admissions at California State University, Monterey Bay.

Raquel Mullaney is co-owner of 1620 Winery & Wine Bar at Village Landing Marketplace in Plymouth.

1992

Kathleen Kelly was recognized for Excellence in Education at the 26th annual Goldin Foundation Educators Forum hosted by Canton High School where she has served as an English teacher for eight years.

Christine Pugliese is principal of the Charles S. Ashley School in New Bedford.

KRISTY ACEVEDO, '99, G'10

English teacher and published author

BY JOHN LAIDLER

As a high school English teacher, Kristy Acevedo tries to inspire young people to become avid readers and to develop their creative writing abilities. Recently, the Fairhaven resident has been able to showcase her own literary talents as the author of a newly published young adult science fiction book, *Consider*, which is gaining national attention for Ms. Acevedo.

The book earned the 2015 PEN New England Susan P. Bloom Children's Book Discovery Award and was one of Barnes & Noble's 13 most anticipated sci-fi young adult books of 2016.

"It's a bit surreal," Ms. Acevedo said. "I've been an avid reader all my life – that's why I became an English teacher. I also love teaching teenagers. So it was natural for me to write for them. But to actually hold a copy of a book that came out of my imagination is very strange."

Consider is narrated by Alexandra Lucas, a 17-year-old girl with an anxiety disorder. Holograms appear across the globe with warnings from future humans that the world will soon end, and the only escape is through a portal into their parallel world. Each person must decide whether to take that step. "You start to see what happens to a world when faced with that kind of decision," said Ms. Acevedo, who plans a sequel.

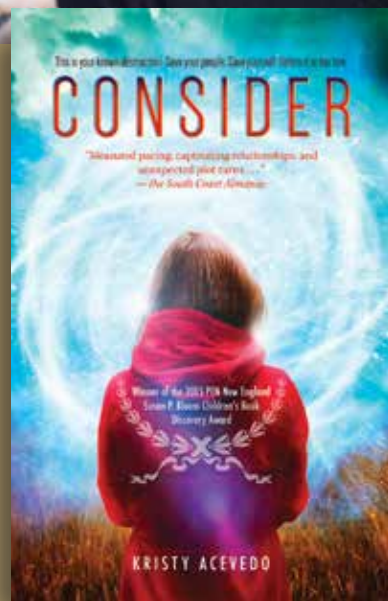
She said her undergraduate education at BSU, where she majored in English and minored in secondary education, was an important foundation for her teaching career, which has included six years at Fairhaven High School and the last 10 at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. "I was very well prepared for the classroom," she said, noting that her undergraduate studies also helped her "adapt and stay organized" in a changing educational environment.

Ms. Acevedo returned to BSU a decade after graduation to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in English.

Along with her roles as a teacher and author, she is the founder of the Monthly Twitter Writing Challenge, an online site that encourages people to write 500 words a day.

"I stress that I'm a super-busy teacher, but I can still do this, and maybe you can, too," she said. ■

Kristy Acevedo portrait courtesy of Jessica Lavoie Photography



ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS



Shalika Smith, '06, married Jude David on April 22, 2016.



Bria Wilbur, '10, married Nathaniel Milbery, '11, on October 22, 2016. The wedding was officiated by Dr. Jonathan White, a former professor in BSU's Department of Sociology. Attending the wedding are BSU alumni (front row, from left) Iolando Spinola, '11; Katie Spinola, '11; Alejandro Ruelas, '12; Hayley Sabella, '11; and Dr. White. In the second row (from left) are Kayla Harvey, '13; Jason Desrosier, '10; Brian Kelleher-Calnan, '13; Mr. Milbery and Ms. Wilbur Milbery. In the back (from left) are Brandon Reynolds, '12, and Dan Kent, '10.

Maureen Spencer, G'92, is corporate director of infection prevention at Universal Health Services in Boston. She has more than 30 years of experience in infection control and has received many awards in recognition of her work. Ms. Spencer established a MRSA and MSSA elimination program at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston and was selected as one of the Heroes of Infection Prevention in 2007 by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. In 2012, she was included in *Infection Control Today's* list, Who's Who in Infection Prevention.

1993

Rose-Marie Culp was recognized as the 2016 Citizen of the Year for East Bridgewater by the Rotary Club of the Bridgewaters. Owner of The Happy Frog Copy Center in East Bridgewater, she is a member of the town's Business Association and a co-chair of the association's Business Expo and Family Fun Day.

1994

John King was promoted to chief of police in Milton.

1995

Jaime Landivar is vice president of business development for Premier Assurance Group Life and Investments Division in Coral Gables, Florida. Previously, she worked for Sun Life Financial International as the vice president of business development for Latin America and was based in Panama City, Panama.

The Reverend Sean T. Leonard joined the staff at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Dover as the rector.

1997

Ryan Dill is the executive officer of VR-62, a Navy C-130 squadron in Jacksonville, Florida. The squadron provides short-notice, worldwide logistics support for forward-deployed naval forces. Commander Dill, who has logged 4,700 flight hours in many types of civil and military aircraft, has served in the Navy for more than 18 years.

1998

Jeremy Koczan was named chief financial officer for Altamira Technologies Corporation in McLean, Virginia. He is responsible for the company's financial organization and execution.

1999

Jennifer Pease is chief probation officer of the Nantucket and Edgartown district courts.

Jeffrey Tatro is transportation director for New Bedford public schools.

2000

Angela Pimental was sworn on to BSU's Board of Trustees by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker. She earned a Bachelor of Science in geography and is senior manager of environmental operations for Cumberland Farms in Framingham. (See story on page 3.)

2001

Thaddeus Kasperowicz and his father Raymond own an accounting firm and share the role of Braintree's town auditor.

Sonia Tellier was appointed assistant superintendent for Falmouth public schools last May following a unanimous vote by the school committee.

Cathy Whiteside is the office administrator in the Yarmouthport office of Cape Associates, a custom homebuilding company.

2002

Julie Heapes joined South Shore Bank in 2012 and was quickly promoted to retail officer. She is now assistant vice president and regional retail officer.

2003

Colleen Belmore, G'05, G'13, has been a BSU employee for more than a decade and is now coordinator of institutional events for the Office of Conference and Event Services.

Jennifer Brady, G'03, was appointed chief probation officer for Hingham District Court after serving for more than 10 years with the Stoughton District Court.

Douglas Currier is branch director for the YMCA of Strafford County in New Hampshire.

Catherine V. Holmes, G'03, completed her third drawing book, *How to Draw Cool Stuff: Holidays, Seasons and Events*. It was published by Library Tales Publishing, Inc., in May 2016.

2005

Christopher Pereira participated last summer in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

2006

Tamarah Bacon, G'06, is assistant vice president of commercial lending for Pawtucket Credit Union in Rhode Island.

Karen Guillemette, G'06, was named interim athletic director for the Monomoy Regional School District.

Kaitlyn Litchfield was honored with a 2016 40 Under 40 Award by *Cape & Plymouth Business* magazine. The award recognizes distinguished and exceptional businesspeople across the region who are under the age of 40. Ms. Litchfield is executive director of the South Shore Young Professionals.

2007

Katelyn Germano, G'11, is assistant director, coordinator of on-campus events for admissions at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island.

Joseph Kolczewski is an operating systems specialist at Dunkin' Brands in Canton.

2008

Jessica Koelsch is the first coordinator of Norwood's substance abuse programs.

Christopher Markey was promoted to director of global business development at Hotcourses Ltd.

2009

Diane Delauter, G'09, is a behavioral health clinician for the Community Health Center of Cape Cod. Previously, she worked at Saint Anne's Hospital's behavioral health services program in Fall River and Arbour Counseling Services in West Yarmouth.

Ryan Gordy is the K-12 Wellness Coordinator for Canton public schools. He also teaches at Canton High School, coaches boys varsity basketball and is the founder of the Canton Character Crew Leadership Program.

Adeline Medeiros was awarded the 2016 Emerging Social Work Leader Award by the National Association of Social Workers, New York City Chapter. She is an adjunct lecturer at the Columbia University School of Social Work in New York City.

Ashley Owen is director of community education and outreach at the Cape Symphony and Conservatory.

Daniel Rudzinsky is head coach of the girls basketball team at Marlborough High School.

2011

Daniel Carmichael has served as a police officer for the Town of Stoughton since 2013. He was promoted to sergeant in April 2016 and is a patrol supervisor.

Robert Powers, G'11, a social studies teacher and curriculum leader at Apponequet Regional High School in Lakeville, was appointed by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to the History and Social Science Standards Review Panel, which is charged with recommending framework revisions to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. Given direction by the board, the panel will then draft revisions to the frameworks, last revised in 2003.

2012

Anthony D'Angelo, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in physical education, was sworn in as a patrol officer for the Barnstable Police Department. He is also a member of the United States Air National Guard.

Melanie McGrath joined the marketing team at Cards & Pockets, Inc., a specialty paper company located in Easton.

Camille Serrecchia is an entrepreneur who started a clothing business, The Chic Stop, LLC, a walk-in closet on wheels.

2013

Samantha Allen is a fifth-grade teacher at the John J. Ahern Middle School in Foxboro.

Paul Buccheri is a math teacher at Nantucket High School.

Patrick O'Brien is a member of the Hopkinton High School counseling department.



Megan A. Ryan, '11, married Daniel P. Grady, '09, on July 23, 2016.



Alicia Lopez married William Felix, '13, on April 8, 2016.

ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS



Kelly Reid, '13, married David Abbott, '14, on August 14, 2016.



Mackenzie May Salisbury (with brother Cameron), daughter of Kelly Hess Salisbury, '05, and Derek Salisbury, was born on November 5, 2016.



Jean Ciborowski Fahey, '71, director of the Hospital Reading Partnership at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, was named the 2016 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year by the National Center for Families Learning and awarded a \$20,000 grant.

Author of *Make Time for Reading: A Story Guide for Parents of Babies and Young Children*, she will use the funds in part to

print 7,000 copies of the book in both English and Spanish. It is given to women who deliver their babies at South Shore Hospital, with nearly 10,000 presented to date.

2014

Maryssa Capone was named 2016 Woman of the Year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Rhode Island Chapter. She raised more than \$44,000 during her 10-week fundraising campaign. Just after her freshman year at BSU, Ms. Capone was diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma. She went into remission in December 2011.

Charles H. Correia is a part-time police officer in Swansea.

Jason Kimball is a video producer at Boston University. In 2014, he was editor of the film *REUSE! Because You Can't Recycle The Planet*. He was co-director, videographer and editor for *Box Truck Film: A Reuse & Tiny House Fusion*.

2015

Shannon Boutin is a financial aid counselor at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Raeshelle Cooke is a filmmaker who has created seven short films and two music videos. She received the Best Newcomer award at the 2014 Shawna Shea Film Festival and, in 2015, won the Best Genre Blend award at the Stories by the River Film Festival, both for her short film *Monae's Room*. Her latest short film, *Sometime Around January*, has been accepted by several film festivals.

Matthew DiMartino was sworn in as a patrolman third class for the Town of Seekonk in August 2016.

2016

Megan Clifford is a marketing campaign and advertising account coordinator at BBK Worldwide, a marketing agency in Needham.

Kelsey Lynch is the communications coordinator at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. She graduated from BSU summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in art with a concentration in graphic design and a minor in management.

Ainsley Miller, who majored in special education at BSU, is a first-grade special education teacher at Berkley Community School.

Danielle Poto, a cross-country and track-and-field stalwart at BSU, took part in the 2016 New Balance Falmouth Road Race in August, logging the best time for a woman in the age 20-24 category among runners not part of the invitational elite athlete program. She covered the seven-mile course in 45 minutes, 39 seconds.

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MARRIAGES *The university celebrates the weddings of the following alumni:*

Danielle C. Collins, '00, to Timothy King on August 12, 2016
Amy L. Pepin, '06, to Christopher Driver on May 28, 2016
Jessica Dwyer to **Joseph Kolczewski**, '07, on July 4, 2015
Briana Gentile, '08, to **David LaChappelle**, '07, on July 25, 2015
Cheryl M. Tullis, '08, to **Craig E. Sirois**, '12, on May 7, 2016

Lisa-Marie Guzman, '09, to Aaron Louison on September 24, 2016
Amy E. Cavanaugh, '10, to Ashley Flaherty on November 9, 2015
Caroline K. Murphy, '12, to **Joshua Sturges**, '10, on July 17, 2015
Amanda Winters, '16, to Joan Toussaint on August 13, 2016

BIRTHS *Congratulations to BSU alumni on the new members of their families:*

Zachary William Figueiredo to **Alicia Thompson Figueiredo**, '07, and **Paulo R. Figueiredo**, '06, on November 4, 2015

IN MEMORIAM *The university is saddened by the deaths of the following alumni and extends condolences to their loved ones:*

Edith Fiske Facey, '37, on September 17, 2016
Margaret Smith Goulding, '38, G'55, on September 30, 2016
Helen Edwards Teittinen, '39, on June 30, 2016
Patrick J. O'Brien, '40, on October 15, 2016
Elna Filipson Helgersen, '41, on September 12, 2016
Louise Oliver Quinlan, '42, in March 2016
Doris McMorrow Grindle, '43, G'54, on September 28, 2016
Marie Buzzi Leone, '44, on April 13, 2016
Seraphina Chianciola Del Torchio, '45, on July 21, 2015
Elizabeth R. LaGarde, '47, on September 15, 2015
Alvarina Costa Farrell, '48, on May 16, 2016
Barbara J. Sykes, '49, on July 1, 2016
Mary Meagher Duff, '50, on October 13, 2016
Leona Milch McFarland, '50, G'53, on August 10, 2016
Alberta McAdams Tolin, '51, on July 22, 2016
Madeline James Chapman, '52, on October 3, 2016
Phyllis Martenson Johnson, '53, on August 28, 2016
Beverly Cassara, G'54, on September 20, 2016
Marion Walsh Rowell, '54, on August 9, 2016
Ruth Dennis Pelletier, '55, on July 24, 2016
Ann Shields Ryan, '55, on January 2, 2015
Norma Goyetche Munroe, '56, on July 13, 2016
Frances Baran Roche, '56, on July 5, 2016
Marion "Polly" Chase, '57, on September 29, 2016
Judith Barry Finn, '57, on April 11, 2016
Rose Maiken Kunces, G'57, on December 13, 2015
Edwin E. Cadorette, '58, on May 15, 2016
Richard S. Januse, '60, on June 12, 2016
Norman E. Smith, '60, on May 14, 2016
Carole Menoche Chargin, '61, on August 5, 2016
Michael V. Crocco, G'61, on July 25, 2016
H. Dean Peterson, G'61, on August 31, 2016
Franklin A. Gray, '62, on July 20, 2016
Michael P. Ippolito, G'62, on August 26, 2016
Raymond N. Martin, G'62, on June 9, 2016
Norma A. Sullivan, '62, G'68, on August 27, 2016
Kenneth O. Colmer Jr., G'63, on May 29, 2016
Dennis D. Griffin, G'64, on September 12, 2016
John A. Yosgandes, '64, on May 2, 2016
Anne Smialek Chichlowski, '65, on April 17, 2016
John E. Reagan, '65, on August 11, 2016
Winifred L. Blethen, G'66, on April 12, 2016
Jacqueline Deam, G'66, on July 28, 2016
Mary K. Sullivan, '66, on August 2, 2016
Paul Vital, '66, on May 12, 2016
Vivian J. Flynn, G'67, on May 27, 2016
Charles W. Missler, '67, G'98, on July 23, 2016
Catherine McKeown Williams, '67, on April 19, 2016
Gerald E. Bertrand, '68, on September 24, 2016

Paul E. Matton, G'68, on May 22, 2016
Lucy Bernardo, '69, on April 28, 2016
James E. Dickman, '69, on May 31, 2016
Michael A. Lynch, '69, on July 28, 2016
Anthony J. Dire, G'70, on August 1, 2016
Albert P. Porter, G'70, on September 20, 2016
Patricia McGinn Brown, '71, on November 3, 2015
Suzanne Libby Sylvester, '71, on December 9, 2015
Shawn H. Burke, '72, on August 22, 2016
Susan Lifvergren Driscoll, '74, on August 1, 2016
Thomas C. Holmes, '74, on August 3, 2016
Evelyn Pearson, '74, on June 9, 2016
Joann M. Venuti, '74, on August 27, 2016
Edward J. Connolly, G'75, on August 21, 2016
Richard H. Kinsman, '75, on September 24, 2014
Florence V. Novick, G'75, on June 3, 2016
Sally Lamb Roberts, '75, on April 28, 2016
Claire Golembewski, '76, on August 6, 2016
Linda J. Harvey, G'77, on June 1, 2016
Marian P. Silvers, '77, G'79, on August 5, 2016
Luke Sweeney, '77, on August 30, 2016
Delores S. Vincent, '77, on May 25, 2016
Paula Stevens Erickson, '78, on April 15, 2016
Mary J. Miller, '78, on September 11, 2016
Mark Pfeil, '78, on August 31, 2016
Ronald C. Boucher, '80, on August 15, 2016
Christine Kearns McCarty, '81, on June 10, 2016
Karen Kenyon Miller, '82, on May 15, 2016
Marilyn O'Shea, '83, on September 20, 2016
Carolyn M. Barboza, '84, on April 21, 2016
Mary McKenna-Mendes, '87, on May 7, 2016
Kathleen Driscoll Kazanowski, G'88, on September 14, 2016
Amy Jo Kolbeck, '88, on May 12, 2016
Thomas M. O'Connor, '88, on June 12, 2016
Shelby P. Warner, '88, on November 9, 2015
Moirra Ann Holmes, '90, on October 5, 2016
Stephen Mogilnicki, G'90, on June 15, 2016
Mary I. Nelson, '90, on August 12, 2016
Sandra A. Dushame, '95, on September 12, 2016
Elizabeth Medicke Fraga, '12, on May 6, 2016
Brian A. Witzgall, '16, on September 8, 2016


BSU pays its respects to the following staff and emeriti faculty who recently passed away:

Matthew Leahy, '79, foreman of the campus plumbing shop, on December 21, 2016
Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert A. Daniel on September 15, 2016
Professor Emeritus Dr. Thomas A. Knudson on May 14, 2016
Professor Emerita Dr. Paula M. Vadeboncoeur on July 16, 2016
(Read more about the emeriti faculty on page 9)



Seven memorial banners adorned with bouquets of roses honored seven BSU students who passed away in 2016. Mouad Abibi, Matthew Benting, Barry Brady, Kyle Bronstein, James Crockett, James Keating and Hayley Sanford were remembered in a solemn ceremony in December attended by hundreds from on and off campus, including family members of the late students.

President Frederick Clark Jr. said to the crowd gathered in front of Boyden Hall, "Today, we are here to pause. To pause and reflect on the gift of life, and in the ways these seven students touched our lives and will be forever in our hearts." The event concluded with five minutes of silence.

A photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blue coat and a patterned scarf. In the background, the white columns and pediment of a large brick building, identified as Bridgewater State University, are visible. The university's crest is centered above the entrance.

"I am on the full amount offered by the federal subsidized and unsubsidized loans by the U.S. government, and I have already used most of my entire college savings. I work both a full-time and part-time job while at home, and during the semester I work on campus. My mom has taken on a part-time job just to help support my education. What you have given me – the gift of education – is something I will always appreciate. From the bottom of my heart - thank you!"

Amelia Fuss, '18
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